

Diary of Jens Hansen

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Jens Hansen's Life

Diary beginning 6th April 1865.¹

From the time I was called on a Mission to Denmark from Spanish Forks Utah Territory, North America.

Thursday 6th Apr 1865 started the 35th Annual General Conference in the Tabernacle in Great Salt Lake City and I was then called on a Mission. I was not personally present, but received the following letter:

President's Office G. S. L. City 10th April 1865.

Elder J. Hansen!

Dear Brother. You are hereby informed that you in the General Conference in Great Salt Lake City by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints are called to a Mission in Europe. You shall receive the means for your travel in this city on May 1st.

Your Brother
Brigham Young

I pray to my Heavenly Father that I may be filled with the spirit of my calling,² that I may be an instrument to save and bless many righteous souls and perform my mission to the honor of the Lord and to my own salvation in the kingdom of God in the name of Jesus Christ AMEN.

Right after my call I began to prepare for it. I leased half of my land to Brother Andersen. Together with bishop A. K. Torber, Harvig Cluff and Berrig Right. I bought a light wagon and four mules to start our travel across the plains. I gathered my family one Sunday in the schoolhouse and gave them a father's blessing. Three of my sons whom I short time ago had baptized were ordained by me to the priesthood. Joseph Christian Hansen as a teacher. Peder Hanen as a deacon and Benjamin Hansen as a deacon. I then said goodbye to my numerous family, which at the present consisted of four wives and eight sons and eight daughters. I traveled with the above mentioned brethren to Great Salt Lake City where we arrived on time after a fortunate trip. My name was then recorded in the Historian's Office.

1st May 1865³ I was set apart (received my blessing) by three of the twelve Apostle; the following is a translation from English as told to me: A blessing for Jens Hansen, calling him on a Mission to Scandinavia, given at the schoolhouse of Brigham Young in G. S. L. City 1st May 1865.

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Brother Hansen. In the name of Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood we lay our hands upon your head and set you apart to the Mission to which you are called to continue to go forward and proclaim the word of life to this generation. We ask God our Eternal Father to inspire you and to fill you with the spirit of Wisdom and talents, with the spirit of purity and a desire to do good to them with whom you come in contact, that the spirit of your mission may be over you and that you may remember things you were unable to remember before, that you may be a messenger for the Lord to proclaim glad tidings for this generation, and as you rely upon God, his spirit will be with you and⁴ these blessings shall be yours in your administrations and he will open your mouth and give you words to speak that you may be an advocate and remain inspired with power over the spirits of darkness, that you may have the light of truth which God has sent you to spread, for which you are set apart at this time. We ask God the Eternal Father to be with you and sustain you and when you are among the people of the land of your birth that you will be clothed with the power of the spirit of God and be full of the Holy Ghost and that you may be able to teach and instruct the bretheren, and lead many forward on the road to life, and go about in peace, then return with your harvest. We seal upon you a new blessing in addition to your former blessings and ordinances and say: Go in peace and return in peace in the name of Jesus, Amen.

The 2nd May I received the following certificate:

CERTIFICATE OF CITIZENSHIP
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TERRITORY OF UTAH

Be it remembered, that on the 2nd day of May in the year of our Lord one⁵ thousand eighth hundred and sixty five. Jens Hansen late of Odense, in the Kingdom of Denmark, at present of Great Salt Lake City, in the Territory aforesaid appeared in the Third Judicial District Court of Utah Territory, and applied to the said court to be admitted to become a Citizen of the United States of America pursuant to the directions and requirements of the several Acts of Congress in relation their to.

And the said Jens Hansen, having there upon produced to the Court such evidence, made such declaration and renunciation and taken such oath as are by the said Acts required, thereupon it was ordered by the said Court that the said Jens Hansen be admitted, and he was accordingly admitted by the said Court to be a Citizen of the United States of America.

United States
of America
3rd
Districts Court
Territory of
Utah

In Testimony whereof, the Seal of the said Court is hereunto affixed this 2nd day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty five, and in the year of our Independence the Eighty ninth.

Patrick Lynch Clerk

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Friday 26th. Last night it froze hard. We traveled down Silver Creek Canyon where the road was bad due to the mountain stream; crossed the new bridge over Weber River. Camped two miles from Echo Canyon. Traveled 17 miles.

Saturday 27th. Traveled 7 miles into Echo Canyon, camped 10 AM and waited for the brethren who came in the evening.

Monday 29th. We traveled 31 miles, crossed Yellow (?) Creek, where the floods⁹ had destroyed the roads, we likewise crossed Bear River where the water was very high, got into our wagons and damaged them a little; but soon everything was O.K. Also crossed Saltfork (?) Creek by Qvikkenasp Holler (?) and past the camp Part Holler (?).

Tuesday 30th. Traveled 25 miles, crossed Mood Creek and Fort Briggs where the water was very high. In the evening we camped at Black Furg. Our horses and Mules are good animals. The company consisted of 13 wagons and we traveled in good order.

Wed. 31st. We traveled 25 miles. Crossed Smith Fork, here we had to pay toll to cross the bridge. Camped at Hams Fork. Passed a mountain named Christ Butts (?).

Thursday 1st June. Crossed the river on a ferry early in the morning. On our travel we saw the dust from the company of the Josephites (?). We had a bad road. Traveled 22 miles. Arrived at Green River which we crossed on a ferry without having to pay for it.

Friday 2nd June. Traveled along Big-Sand River, on the South was a little¹⁰ mountain, named Party Bluff, traveled 32 miles.

Saturday 3rd. Traveled 31 miles, crossed Little Sand Creek and Dry Creek, camped at Pacific (?) Creek after having crossed the same.

Sunday 4th. Traveled over South Pass and passed Sweet Water and over Algolai (?) Creek, camped in the evening at Antelope Spring. It was very cold. Traveled 35 miles.

Monday 5th. Steep hills and heavy road. At noon we camped at Warm Spring Creek, in the evening at Sweet Water. Traveled 30 miles. It was very cold.

Tuesday 6th. Passed a fort where we were told that the Indians had killed a company 40 miles southwest, we presumed that it must have been the Josephites. Camped in the evening at Split Rock. Traveled 25 miles.

Wednesday 7th. Passed Devils Gate and Independence Rock, here was a fort and we had to Pay \$1.25 in toll for every wagon crossing the bridge. Crossed Grease (?) Wood Creek, camped at Tes (?) Creek. Traveled 30 miles.

⁹Page 9, May 1865 of Original journal

¹⁰Page 10, June of original journal

Thursday 8th. Passed some high places where we had splendid views. We arrived at the Platt River at Reed Boots, camped there. Traveled 30 miles.

Friday 9th. Traveled 26 miles.

Saturday 10th. Traveled 35 miles. Hard road.¹¹

Sunday, 11th. Crossed "The Black Hell" came through Daabiyard (?). Hard Road. Traveled 30 miles.

Monday 12th. Passed Cottonwood-Creek, camped at Boxelder Spring. Traveled 30 miles.

Tuesday 13th. Traveled 28 miles, camped 8 miles west of Fort Larami.

Wednesday 14th. Traveled only 15 miles. The Indians tried last night to steal our horses.

Thursday 15th. Traveled 32 miles, toward evening the Indians tried again to steal our horses. We had a severe thunderstorm.

Friday 16th. We met a large company, consisting of over 200 wagons. We camped a little west of Tumbling Rock after having traveled 32 miles. A company consisting of 32 wagons camped next to us.

Saturday 17th. At the beginning of our trip we found a man by the name of David Haook from above mentioned company, he was killed by the Indians; camped on the evening close to Sand Hills. Traveled 36 miles.

Sunday 18th. Crossed Rattlesnake Creek, camped by Platt River, traveled 30 miles.

Monday 19th. Crossed the Sand Nine, crossed Wolfs' Creek. Traveled 32 miles.¹²

Tuesday 20th. Passed Ass Holler ? on the opposite side of the river, met a company of (Wanebacoos ?) Indians going to war against the Indians in the mountains. Traveled 26 miles.

Wednesday 21st. Passed (Minde?) Creek and North Fork Creek. Traveled 25 miles.

Thursday 22nd. Crossed Pony Spring. Traveled 32 miles, camped at Forest Creek.

Friday 23rd. Traveled 33 miles. Had rain and thunder.

Saturday 24th. Traveled 32 miles along Platt river.

¹¹Page 11, June 1865, on original journal

¹²Page 12, June 1865, on original journal

Sunday 25th. Crossed Buffel Creek. Traveled 30 miles

Monday 26th. Traveled 35 miles.

Tuesday 27th. Traveled along the Platt river, a flat and beautiful country. Traveled 35 miles.

Wednesday 28th. Traveled through a very large Indian camp, the tribe of Susa (?), crossed Lipp Fork, camped north or same. Traveled 37 miles.

Thursday 29th. Came through Hannibal and came again to Platt river, traveled 40 miles.

Friday 30th. Came through the settlement, Freemondt (?). Camped at noon at Elkhorn river and in the evening at Papio Creek, 10 miles from Omaha. Traveled 36 miles.

Saturday 1st. Before we ate lunch we reached the goal or the trip crooning the plains, all together 1,018 miles.

Sunday 2nd. Had a meeting in our camp. Everybody felt good.

Monday 3rd. Attended a meeting.

Tuesday 4th. Rested.

Wednesday 5th. Traveled to Wyoming and met with many Scandinavian saints on their way to Zion. I and several of the brethren spoke to them.

Thursday 6th. Stayed in the camp of the saints and comforted them.

Friday 7th. I and several of the brethren traveled to Nebraska City where we rented a hotel room.

Saturday 8th. I wrote a letter to my family.

Sunday 9th. All the brethren left except three of us; I had to go back to Wyoming to get my money from a brother to whom Bishop A. R. Turbor (?) had deposited them. I was sad that the brethren left without me. I came to the place in the evening.

Monday 10th. I waited for a place on the boat.¹⁴

Tuesday 11th. I got a ticket on the steamboat to St. Joseph in company with an English missionary, Baker.

¹⁴Page 14, July 1865, on original journal

Wednesday 12th. We arrived, and traveled then by railroad to Quincy where we arrived in the morning.

Thursday 13th. We went sightseeing in this beautiful city. We crossed the Mississippi river and arrived by train at Chicago in the morning.

Friday 14th. Continued to Detroit where we crossed the water by ferry to Canada, traveled the whole night and came to Suspension Bridge, (?) at the famous Niagara Falls.

Saturday 15th. Traveled to Albany and arrived in New York at 10 pm; here we had difficulty in finding a place to sleep since we were foreigners and not known.

Sunday 16th. Attended two meetings at the saints in this city. I spoke in English. Stayed at a Brother Wait.

Monday 17th. Visited the saints.

Tuesday 18th. Visited Brother J. Lecg and others.

Wednesday 19th. Wrote letter to my family and stayed with saints until:

Saturday 29th. We left New York in the steamship "North-America." We saw land on the 9th of August and in the morning of the 10th did some¹⁵ of the people embark. The 11th we landed in Liverpool, England in Europe. Here we went to a meeting in the office. The 12th we traveled to Hull? Brother Christensen and I stayed with a Brother Williams at Egenstreet.

13th. I attended a meeting and instructed the saints.

14th. We visited the saints.

15th. The time was spent like yesterday,

16th. Visited the saints and went to a meeting in the evening. I preached the gospel and bade them farewell. Left the same evening with Brother Christensen on board a steamship from England to Copenhagen. Where we, after a good trip, arrived 20 August. I met Brother C. Wideborg, the president of the Scandinavian Mission, and we went where I again talked in my land of birth, after being gone for 12 years, which I had spent in Zion. I received my call, as follows:

¹⁵Page 15, Aug 1865, on original journal

(A) Call:

It hereby testifies that Elder Jens Hansen has been called as a traveling¹⁶ elder to preach the gospel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, on the Island of Fuen, and as such is recommend to the saints and all good people.

Copenhagen 22 August 1865
C. Wideborg
President of the Scandinavian Mission.

After a short stay in Copenhagen I had the brethren farewell and went by railroad to Slagelse. In this area I visited relatives and friends and attended several meetings in which I preached. Thereafter I traveled around in the area, I walked to Korsor where I also held meetings. From here I went by steamboat from Sjaelland to Nyberg on the island of Fuen, here I visited saints and held meetings.¹⁷ I then walked to Odense and stayed here several days, visited many saints with whom I became acquainted.

5th Sep. Elder H. Rasmussen and I walk to Haarslev parish. We held a meeting in Viernesmose where I Preached the gospel.

6th of Sep. Walked to Middelfart and visited a good family. We held a good meeting in the evening.

7th. I traveled with the Brethren P. Hansen and O. H. Berg to Fredericia on Jutland. Stayed at Brother H. Hansen home in St. Vejlinge.

8th . Walked to Vejle where I met with 7 brethren from the home, here. I attended a little good meeting.

9th. There was a conference with good teaching and a good spirit present.

10th. The Brethren P. Hansen and O. H. Berg and I then had farewell to the Brethren and traveled to Fredericia, where we held a large meeting.

11th. We traveled to Fuen, where I visited several of the saints.

12th. Held a good meeting at Moderup, where I strongly testified of the truth.

13th. We held a meeting at Gyldensten where I again got the opportunity,¹⁸ to testify of the truth.

¹⁶Page 16, Aug 1865, on original journal

¹⁷Page 17, Sep 1865, on original journal

¹⁸Page 18, Sept 1865, on original journal

14th. I went to visit the mother of my sister-in-law, because I wanted to give her a letter from her daughter who lives in Zion, but she refused to receive the letter, as she did not believe it was actually from her. I took it with me again, as she would have burned it. Here is clear evidence of a disbelieving relative. I then went to visit my relatives at Gennerstrup (?), and was well received.

15th. I walked to Viernesmose where a lot of people attended a meeting. The spirit of the Lord was really with me as I testified of the divinity of the gospel.

16th. I walked to Nyhusene and spoke to several good people about the truth.

17th. I visited a blacksmith at Nere, who believed the gospel.

18th. I walked to Hosbekhusene where I had a good meeting.

19th. Visited many of my old friends and was received friendly, I bore¹⁹ my testimony.

20th. I visited relatives and friends at Hasmark and testified of the gospel.

21st. Spent the time like yesterday.

22nd. Walked to Odense.

23rd. I spoke in a meeting in the conference hall at Odense.

24th. I visited some relatives of my wife, Karen Hansen, and told them about the gospel. This week I spent visiting relatives of my wife and some saints.

1st Oct. I walked to Odense and visited until the 4th. I had the opportunity to testify to many about the work of the Lord.

4th. I traveled with Elder Chr. L. H. Michelsen to Aarslev, where I stayed where I stayed with Hans Pedersen.

5th. We walked to Longemosebjerg and visited the saints. Talked in a good meeting that evening.

6th. Brother Chr. Michelsen and I held a meeting with K. Johansen.²⁰

7th. I visited the saints in Skjaerninge and Svendborg.

¹⁹Page 19, Sept 1865, on original journal

²⁰Page 20, Oct 1865, on original journal

8th. We went to Gudme and held a meeting. I spoke first and told them about the good conditions in Zion; this was something the numerous crowd enjoyed. Brother C. Michelsen then opened the meeting with song and prayer, and then both of us testified about the gospel.

9th. We walked to Gjertrud Bonkel at Kogsbolle, here we held a meeting where I bore a strong testimony.

10th. Visited some friends in this area. Then walked to Nyborg where I spoke in a meeting.

11th. I walked to Odense and spoke in a meeting that evening.

12th. I went with Brother N. Nielsen from Zion, out on the plain and visited the parents of his hired helper at Egense. Stayed with P. Skraeder.

13th. Visited several of our friends.

14th. We walked to Odense where we attended two meetings and I gave a talk. In the evening I baptized Mr. Jeppesen and his wife.

15th. I stayed in Odense.

16th. I visited saints in this city.²¹

17th. I walked to Emmelev together with the brethren. N. Wilhelmsen and O. N. Berg. Here we held a meeting.

18th. I walked to Nordrupmark where I visited the members and stayed with Brother R. Pedersen.

19th. Brother H. Rasmussen and I walked to Gyldensten where we talked to a sister who had committed moral transgression. She asked to be excommunicated which was done the same evening in a court held at the residence of Brother R. Pederson.

20th. We walked to Annebøllemose and here we spoke in a large meeting. The spirit of the Lord was really with us.

21st. We walked to Odense, here I met seven brethren from Zion. In the evening we held a conference meeting with many saints. The brethren gave reports pertaining to their part of the mission.

22nd. The conference continued and much good instructions were given. I was also given the opportunity to talk to the many people present. Many changes were made, such as 1) Elder O. H. Berg to be released as the President of the Islands District. 2) P. Hansen to be sustained in this position. 3) I

²¹Page 21, Oct. 1865, on original journal

was sustained as a traveling Elder in the Islands District which consisted of²² of Fyn, Langeland, Taastrup, Aarø, Lolland, Falster, Møn, Fejø, Faenø, Askø, Hasselø, Bogø, Thurø, Avernakø, Lyø, Bjornø, Drejø, and a great number of other islands.

Unanimously approved.

In the evening we held a priesthood meeting. Here many were ordained and many good gospel sermons were given.

23rd. Before noon we again held a priesthood meeting and I and several of the brethren from Zion were teaching the brethren.

24th & 25th. I stayed in Odense and visited the saints.

26th. I walked to Gyldensteen where I attended a meeting with several of the brethren.

27th. Walked to Viernesmose where I held a large meeting. A good spirit was present.

28th. Brother H. Rasmussen and I walked to Frøbjerg where we held a large meeting.

29th. We walked to Akkerup and held meetings. Enjoyed the sacrament with the saints in the first meeting and bore testimony of the gospel in the second meeting. Many strangers (investigators) were present.²³

30th. I visited one of my old acquaintances, a watchmaker. In his house I held a meeting when I was doing missionary work twelve years ago. I walked to Frøbjerg where I bore my testimony to several people.

31st. Walked to Annebøllemose where I talked in a large meeting.

1st Nov. I held a large meeting in the same place.

2nd. I walked to Viernesmose and held a meeting with strangers.

3rd. I walked to Hemmelev and visited some of my relatives and friends. I talked to them about the gospel.

4th. Walked to Odense and testified to several about the truth.

5th. Attended a meeting here.

6th. Stayed in Odense, visited several.

7th. I went out on the plain and held a large meeting at Hans Kaspersens in Ørreslev Skov. Many good people were present.

²²Page 22, Oct. 1865, on original journal

²³Page 23, Oct. 1865, on original journal

8th. Elder H. Rasmussen and I held a meeting in one of the largest farms in the town, almost all the people of the town were present and we bore a strong testimony. After the meeting I answered several questions to the satisfaction²⁴ of the people. There was a good order (spirit) there.

9th. We walked to Hassemark and spoke to several about the gospel.

10th. Held a meeting in Emmelev at the town's blacksmith.

11th. Visited many in this area and told them about the gospel.

12th. I walked to Odense and spoke in a good meeting.

13th. I stayed here In the city.

14th. I walked to Aarslev and visited some good people who were planning going to America. Was well received.

15th. We walked to Volstrup and spoke there in a meeting.

16th. We walked to Gudbjerg Skov and held a good meeting in a farmhouse.

17th. I walked to Gudme in company with Elder Chr. Michelson. We were invited to a meeting by the missionaries: J. P. Moen and L. Henriksen and had a good meeting where I bore my testimony.

18th. We walked to Nyborg.

19th. I attended a district meeting where Elder Chr. Michelson presided. The brethren gave report of their activities. I reminded the brethren to²⁵ have love, Humility and to be faithful, not to be proud because we had the priesthood of the Lord. I ordained the teacher, P. Pedersen to an Elder. C. H. Nielson to a teacher, and deacon C. Lundstrøm to a priest. On this day my wife, K. Pedersen gave birth to a daughter, who was blessed and given the name of Jane Emma Hansen.

20th. Brother C. Michelsen and I hold a meeting at Sulkendrup where we testified of the Truth.

21st. I walked to Odense and stayed here until the 25th and spent the time writing letters to my family and relatives in Zion. I also write to relatives and friends here in Denmark. The last day I went out on the plains and stayed with Jens Christensen.

26th. I walked to Seerslev and hold a large meeting at the place of Sister Rebekka.

27th. Held a meeting at A. Hansen's place by Gyldensten.

²⁴Page 24, Nov 1865, on original journal

²⁵Page 25 Nov 1865, on original journal

28th. H. Rasmussen and I walked to Bogense and held a good little meeting at the place of cabinetmaker Rasmussen. Stayed in the home of my cousin, Jørgen Christensen.

29th. Stayed in the town during the day. Attended in the evening a meeting pertaining to the proper understanding of the Bible. Walked to Nordrupmark.

30th. We walked to Haarslev where we testified to several about the truth. Stayed at farmer P. Sørensen's place.

1st Dec. A horse stepped on my right foot and I had to go to bed until the 3rd²⁶. I fasted and prayed to the Lord. On Sunday the 3rd, Peder Sørensen drove me to Annebøllemose where a district meeting was held. Many brethren were present and I was warmly received by them and the saints. In the afternoon we held a large meeting in the house of Brother H. Jørgensen where I and several others bore testimony of the work of the Lord. Because of my foot I stayed here for a while.

4th. Several visited me and I bore my testimony of the truth.

6th. I held a meeting at the residence of Peder Jørgensen. For several days I spent the time reading the Book of Mormon.

Sunday the 10th. I held two meetings at the place of H. Jørgensen.

13th. Held, likewise a meeting the same place; it looks like that the people in this area is very interested in hearing the word of the Lord.

Sunday the 17th. I again held two meetings at this place.

19th. Today, my first wife gave birth to a daughter. I held a large meeting at the place of the blacksmith at Annebølleby. Many people were ²⁷ present and a great portion of the spirit of the Lord was with the congregation and helped me to bear my testimony of the work of the Lord. In the evening I baptized five and confirmed them members of the church so they could receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, namely H. Jørgensen and wife; Jørgen Olsen and wife, Frederick, whose wife already was a member of the church. I was now able to walk around a little and visited the people in the area. I was very kindly received.

21st. I walked 6 miles to Moderup and held a meeting at Rasmus Pedersen's place, here Elder H. Rasmussen baptized the two girls of Rasmus Pedersen. I confirmed them members of the church.

22nd. Stayed here and talked to the saints.

23rd. I walked to Gyldensten and held a meeting.

²⁶Page 26 Dec 1865, on original journal

²⁷Page 27 Dec 1865, on original journal

24th. Held a meeting at the place of sister Rebekka in Serslevmark.

25th. Held two meetings, one in Moderup at the place of R. Pedersen and the other at a sister's place in the same town, many non members were present.

27th. Held a large meeting at the residence of H. Jørgensen and baptized a family, the man, Carl Tydsker and his wife.

28th. Visited several and held a meeting in the evening²⁸.

29th. I walked to Odense and met the brethren: N. Wilhelmsen and P. Hansen; had a good talk with them.

30th. Our conference started at 1 PM, much good advice were given and the Law of Tithing explained ---- I spoke.

31st. The conference continued and members of the priesthood were sustained. I used the time to teach many saints.

1st January 1866. I attended a meeting during the conference and spoke.

2nd. Wrote a letter to my family in Zion.

3rd. Spent the time writing letters.

4th. I walked out on the plains and held a meeting at the place of R. Caspersen by Ørslev.

5th. Bore private testimony to many. Walked to Ørslev and stayed with some of my relatives. In a neighbor's house I held a good little meeting and bore my testimony.

Sunday 7th. Visited several who believed the testimony.²⁹ Walked to Gønnestrup and stayed with one of my relatives, Mads Skraedder (Mads Taylor).

8th. I spoke to several good people and stayed at the residence of P. Skraedder.

9th. Walked to the forest by Ørslev and held a meeting at the place of N. Kaspersen.

10th. Held a large meeting, about 100 people were present. Everything went quietly.

Thursday 11th. Held a good meeting in Jordslev where the people were well satisfied, answered many questions to their great satisfaction. Many pamphlets were distributed.

²⁸Page 28 Dec 1865, on original journal

²⁹Page 29 Dec 1866, on original journal

Friday 12th. I walked to Odense.

Saturday 13th. I visited the saints.

Sunday 14th. Spoke in two meetings here in Odense.

Monday 15th. Visited several.

Tuesday 16th. Held a meeting just outside the city.

Wednesday 17th. Wrote a letter to Brother Chr. L. H. Michelsen, held a meeting in which I spoke.

Thursday 18th. Walked the 10 miles to Annebølle. Visited saints.

Friday 19th. Visited people in the area and held a meeting.

Saturday 20th. Visited the people and held a meeting in the evening.³⁰

Sunday 21st. Held two meetings in which the people were satisfied.

Monday 22nd. Walked to Odense, received a letter from my family at home. They informed me that they had not yet received any letters from me, but they were all well.

Tuesday 23rd. Wrote letter to the brethren P. Hanson and A. Larsen who at the present time were on the island of Lolland.

Wednesday 24th. Attended a good meeting.

Thursday 25th. I walked to Annebøllemose and held a good meeting.

Friday 26th. Brother H. Rasmussen and I walked to Balleslev where we held a meeting with many people invited by the missionary C. Rasmussen, a strong testimony was given. The parish minister was present and declared that our teaching was more Christ like than he previously had thought. He also admitted that the teaching of baptism for infants was not an apostolic doctrine.

Saturday 27th. We walked to Middelfart and held a good meeting with the saints, we enjoyed the sacrament.

Sunday 28th. Walked to Røjlemose where we held a good meeting at the³¹ residence of a brother; -- I blessed a child.

³⁰Page 30 Jan 1866, on original journal

³¹Page 31 Jan 1866, on original journal

Monday 29th. We went to a person working with flax.

Tuesday 30th. We walked to Moderup and held a meeting at the place of Rasmus Pedersen; quite a few non members were present.

Wednesday 31st. Walked to Rebekka at Serslevmark where we held a good meeting.

Thursday 1st February. Walked to Odense, stayed there until Saturday 3rd, then walked to Annebøllemose.

Sunday 4th. Held Branch meeting where Pres. P. Hansen was present; I held two large meetings.

Monday 5th. Held a good meeting in the evening.

Tuesday 6th. Visited several, held meeting and baptized three, namely an old woman, born 19 Mar 1794 at Belleshave, and a girl Elisa Marie Christine born 12 Jan 1850 in Hundstrup and another girl, Maren Kirstine Jørgensen, born 4 Sep 1849. I confirmed them members of the church the same evening,

Thursday 8th. I walked to Odense.

Friday 9th. Wrote a letter to my family in Zion.

Saturday 10th. Spent the time writing letters³².

Sunday 11th. I walked to Annebollemsoe and held two meetings.

Monday 12th held, likewise, meetings.

Tuesday 13th. Brother R. Rasmussen and I walked to Modderup and held two meetings at Brother R. Pedersen's place.

Wednesday 14th. Held two meetings at sister Rebekka's residence at Serslevmark.

Thursday 15th. Visited people here in the area.

Friday 16th. Walked to Kosbekhusene and held a meeting in the home of brother Chr. Nielsen.

Saturday 17th. Held a large meeting in the home of a farmer in Ørslev; a Believer in the local church tried to contradict us, but was defeated.

Sunday 18th. Walked to Odense in the morning and attended a Branch meeting where I spoke.

³²Page 32 Jan 1866, on original journal

Monday 19th. Wrote a letter to some relatives of my first wife.

Tuesday 20th. I walked out on the plain together with President P. Hansen and held a good meeting in Ordrup at the home of A. Nielsen. A good spirit was present. Stayed overnight in the home of P. Skraeder.

Wednesday 21st. I walked with Pres. P. Hansen a little way, before we³³ departed we united in prayer to the Lord. I walked back and stayed in the area. In the evening I walked to Ørslev.

Thursday 22nd. Spoke to the people in this area held a meeting in the evening. Stayed overnight in the home of my cousin, Niels Christensen.

Friday 23rd. Walked to Hasmark and got permission to bold a meeting in the home of my cousin, R. Christensen.

Saturday 24th. Held a large meeting at Odderup in the home of P. Frederiksen, a lot of people was present.

Sunday 25th. Again, held a meeting, walked to Casper's in Ørslev-Skov and baptized three, Karen Dorthea Hansen, born 8 Apr 1833, Christine Hansen, born 4 Apr 1840 and Hans Henriksen, born 11 Oct 1849.

Monday 26th. Held a meeting in the home of brother Chr. Nielsen and baptized his daughter, Ane Marie Nielsen, born 5th Sept. 1852.

Tuesday 27th. Held a large meeting in Hassemark at the home of farmer Rasmus Christensen, there were present a minister and three parish clerks (deacons) and almost 100 people. I bore a strong testimony of the gospel.

Wednesday 28th. Walked to Odense and attended a meeting.³⁴

Thursday 1st Mar. Traveled by railroad to Nyborg and met an the brethren from Svendborg district in a Branch meeting. A brother from Langeland was excommunicated.

Friday 2nd. Wrote a letter and held a little good meeting at Piilshuse.

Saturday 3rd. Brother J. P. Olsen and I walked to Kerteminde and visited the saints, we then walked to Hindsholm and held a little meeting with the members from St. Viby.

Sunday 4th. Visited some people and in the evening had a meeting in the home of Jens Nielsen. Many were present and there was a good spirit.

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Monday 5th. Visited sister A. Nielsen in Martofte and A. Nielsen in Niskovmark where I bore my testimony to several.

Tuesday 6th. Walked to Sulkendrup and bore testimony to several, then³⁵ walked to Gudme, met the brethren Chr. L. R. Michelson and L. Henriksen. In the evening we held a good meeting where I preached the gospel.

9th. I visited several families to whom I bore testimony of the truth. In the evening I baptized Niels Hansen's wife, Charlotte Elizabeth and his daughter, Ane Elizabeth Hansen, I confirmed the wife a member of the church and Elder C. L. H. Michelsen confirmed the daughter.

10th. Br. Chr. Michelsen and I walked to Hundtoftemark, visited the saints and met Pres. P. Hansen who gave me two letters, one from my father and one from my brother, both in Zion. Interesting news.

Sunday 11th. We had a Branch meeting where the Elders, Chr. Michelsen and L. Henriksen were given permission to emigrate. I spoke.

Monday 12th. Visited the saints.

Tuesday 13th. I walked to Svendborg.

Wednesday 14th. I went by boat to the island of Thorseng and visited the parents of my brother's wife, and several old friends.

Thursday 15th. I visited a sister in Troense and the schoolteacher in the town. Traveled to Gudme.

Friday 16th. Visited some Baptists.

Saturday 17th. Walked 23 miles to Odense where brother P. Hansen gave me³⁶ a letter from my family, I was informed that my little son, Jacob was a little sick, otherwise everything was well at home.

Sunday 18th. Visited some saints.

Tuesday 20th. Walked out on the plains and held a meeting at the home of A. Andersen in Ørslev, there was a good spirit.

Wednesday 21st. Visited several of my relatives and some saints. Stayed overnight in the home of P. Skraeder.

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³⁶Page 36 Mar 1866, on original journal

Thursday 22nd. Spoke with good friends, and held a meeting in the evening at the home of Rope-maker, Hoyer in Otterup.

Friday 23rd. Walked to Moderup, visited the saints, who expected me, and I was very well received.

Saturday 24th. Stayed here with the saints and held a little meeting in the home of sister Rebekka at Serslevmark.

Sunday 25th. Walked 12 miles and come to Odense, where I met with the³⁷ Brethren P. Hansen and A. Larsen and some Brethren and sisters, we held two good meetings where I preached the gospel.

Monday 26th. Spent the day dictating to Brother Chr. L. H. Michelsen my life's story, he wrote it down in my journal.

Tuesday 27th. Spent this day like yesterday. Wrote a letter to Fred. Andersen in Goteborg, Sweden, and a letter in English to the saints in Spanish Fork, Utah Territory.

Wednesday. Spent the time before noon dictating to Brother Chr. L. H. Michelsen my life's story, which he recorded in my journal. I wrote letter to my family at home, in which I gave them counsel and informed them of the news pertaining to our relatives. In the evening I attended a prayer meeting where I spoke.

Thursday 29th. I traveled with Brother Jeppesen to some of his Relatives. President P. Hansen went by railroad to Copenhagen, with money for emigrants.

Friday 30th. We traveled to Odense, I attended a large meeting in which I spoke.

Saturday 31st. I wrote some letters, walked 11 miles to Annebøllesmose.

Sunday 1st April. Held branch meeting in which many saints were present,³⁸ held also two other meetings where quite a few non members were present.

Monday 2nd. Held meeting, where quite a few non-members were present and a good spirit.

Tuesday 3rd. Walked 6 miles. Held a little meeting in the home of Rasmus Pedersen at Nordrupmark.

Wednesday 4th. Walked two miles and held a meeting in the home of sister Rebekka at Serslevmark, many non-members were present and I bore a strong testimony of the Lord's work.

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³⁸Page 38 Apr. 1866, on original journal

Thursday 5th. Missionary R. Pedersen and I walked out on the plains 9 miles. We visited some saints.

Friday 6th. Visited saints and friends. Walked to Hosmark, 4 miles.

Saturday 7th. Held a good meeting in the home of Chr. Nielsen.

Sunday 8th. Walked 9 miles to Odense and attended two good meetings in which I bore testimony. Many non-members were present.

Monday 9th. Fastday. I baptized Junius Lund.

Tuesday 10th. I walked on the plains 9 miles. Held a large meeting in Emmelev, a good spirit was present and I gave a firm testimony of the truth.

Wednesday 11th. Visited relatives and friends, walked to Orslev.³⁹

Thursday 12th. Visited several of the people in this area. Held a good meeting in the evening.

Friday 13th. Visited several believers. Walked to Gjonstrup-4 miles to read a letter from my father and brother.

Saturday 14th. Visited my relatives in Torresø, read my letters from home, had a good meeting in the evening in the home of P. Skraeder. A strong testimony was given and there was a good spirit. I stayed overnight in the, home of Jens Christensen.

Sunday 15th. Walked 9 miles to Odense to attend a Branch meeting and two other meetings in which I preached the gospel.

Monday 16th. Wrote, Walked to Allesømark-4 miles. Held a meeting in the home of Brother H. Hansen. Several good souls were present.

Tuesday 17th. Visited my relatives in Allesø, read letters from my father in Zion, then walked to Sonnerslev, Serslev and to Nordrup.

Wednesday 18th. Stayed in the last mentioned place and in the evening I held a meeting in the home of sister Rebekka at Serslevmark.

Thursday 19th. Walked to Annebølle, visited several good people along the way.

Friday 20th. Held a good meeting, I spoke about the necessity of paying⁴⁰ tithing and to gather in Zion, as this is the place for the children of God while the nations are punished.

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Saturday 21st. Walked to Odense 10 miles. Attended a conference, spoke to the saints. In the evening I baptized Peder Lund.

Sunday 22nd. Many saints attended our conference, Several were called to labor in the Mission. I preached about the gathering (in Zion) and of a clean life.

Monday 23rd. Spent the time by writing and visiting saints and friends. In the evening I baptized Maren Larsen, born 25 Jan 1821 in Esbe, and I also baptized Niels Peder Jeppesen, born 19 Oct. 1854 in Odense, and I confirmed both members of the church.

Tuesday 24th. I blessed Jorgen Jeppesen's child. Visited my wife Karen's relatives by Hesbjerg and Lille Tallerup. Stayed overnight in the home of her stepfather A. Andersen.

Wednesday 25th. Spoke to several here in the area, among others a very⁴¹ good family, Jacob Jorgensen, then walked to the saints in Akkerup together, with brother H. Rasmussen.

Thursday 26th. We walked to Skovkrogen, this area I knew very well before I left Denmark, I spoke with several people who knew me before. We held prayer at a hill and a strange feeling came over me. In the evening we walked to Akkerup.

Friday 27th. We walked to Haarby Church where many people were present, we invited the minister to a meeting in Akkerup, but he refused the invitation and talked the people out of attending. We had a good little meeting. I went to a watchmaker in Haarby-mark where I met a good man and we had a good discussion about the gospel. I stayed overnight with the saints in Akkerup.

Saturday 28th. We walked to Frøbjerg, prayed to the Lord in a forest, held a good meeting at above mentioned place, which was attended by many people. The people were satisfied.

Sunday 29th. Walked to Odense, 12 miles. Held two meetings in which I taught the saints of the necessity of unity and that everybody should do their duty.

Monday 30th. Wrote letter to P. Hansen, walked to Allesømark, I bore a strong testimony to a large crowd, baptized Ane Katrine Simonsen, born 7 Dec 1841 in Lundby, and Niels Pedersen, born 17 Feb 1850 in Frøbjerg and confirmed them members⁴² of the Church.

Tuesday 1st May. I walked to Trostrup-Korup where I wrote letters to home to my old acquaintances and I bore my testimony to them, then I walked to Odense.

Wednesday 2nd. Visited saints in the city.

Thursday 3rd. Spent the time writing letters and visiting saints. Received letters from my wives.

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⁴²Page 42 May 1866, on original journal

Friday 4th. Elder N. Wilhelmsen arrived from Copenhagen and we had a good talk, he wrote a letter in English for me to Bishop Torber in London.

Saturday 5th. Walked to Nordrup where I got some money for the emigrants.

Sunday 6th. Walked to Annebøllemose where I attended a meeting in the branch. I also held a large meeting in which I spoke.

Monday 7th. Walked to Odense with the money I had received.

Tuesday 8th. Wrote letter to my family and counseled them, sent them three⁴³ poems, I also wrote a letter to my brother, Niels Hansen and my father; and sent greetings to my relatives in Zion.

Wednesday 9th. Stayed in Odense, Visited saints.

Thursday 10th. Together with the emigrants (29 of them) from the Island of Funen (Fyn). I left on board the steamship "St. Knud." The weather was bad, consequently, most were seasick. In the evening we landed on the island of Samsø. I went on land and got some refreshments. Got an opportunity to bear my testimony to a pilot and his family and a lady who apparently was interested. I read my letters from home.

Friday 11th. Left in the morning. The weather was better. Arrived at Copenhagen in the afternoon. Visited Pres. C. Widerborg who advised me to take the emigrants to the island of Amager. I went to the emigrants and got them and their baggage to Amager.

Saturday 12th. Visited Pres. C. Widersborg and was invited to dinner, Had a talk⁴⁴ with him and had the opportunity to get to know Elder Sml. L. Spague. Visited several of my acquaintances.

Sunday 13th. Attended two meetings at Nørrebro. There were many people in the hall, I bore testimony about the necessity of living a good life. Several of the brethren from Zion gave good talks. Elder Christiansen and I had a good discussion and I met with several of the saints.

Monday 14th. Some of the emigrants were complaining to day that the ship on which they were suppose to leave would actually not leave until the end of the month and they were short of money. I tried to comfort them and asked them to be patient. I then walked to Christiansen and met with the brethren, S.J. Jonasson, O. H. Berg and Chr. Michelsen. We had a good discussion, Chr. Michelsen wrote in my journal while I dictated to him.

15th, 16th, & 17th. I stayed in Copenhagen and helped the emigrants who prepared themselves for the trip.

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Friday 18th & Saturday 19th. I did the same.⁴⁵

Sunday 20th. I attended a meeting at Lille Kongensgade No. 25. Pres C. Widerborg spoke to the saints who wanted to emigrate.

Monday 21st. Went down to the harbor and said good bye to the saints from Jylland who left on a steamship to Hamburg.

Tuesday 22nd. Held a meeting on Amager (Island) and told them to learn their duty, and taught them obedience to the order of the Lord, preparing them for their trip.

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th. Spent the time visiting the saints and friends.

Friday, the same.

Saturday 26th. I got to know Mr. Tomstoff. We walked around in the city talking. I hope he will never forget our discussions.

Sunday 27th. Attended a meeting in Frederiksgade at Norrebro. Here the tickets were given to the emigrants. I again met and were with Mr. Tomstoff until the evening. We attended a show at Magien which were given by one of the brethren. That evening I was happy to be able to baptize Tomstoff, he was born 31Mar 1838 in⁴⁶ Flensborg, and his wife who was born 23 Nov 1844, and also a little 10 years old girl by the name Laura Nicolaisen, born in Copenhagen in 1855.

Monday 28th. I assisted the saints from the islands districts who were leaving on board the steamship "Aairar" to Hamaburg.

Tuesday 29th. I said goodbye to the saints who had stayed overnight at the place of Brother Tomstoff. This man had printed (pictures of(?)) the Temple in Great Salt Lake City. I sent one home to Zion.

Wednesday 30th. I left Copenhagen onboard a steamship for Stege on the Island of Moen. Here I was met by brother N.C. Christiansen with his horse & buggy, we drove to St. Dame where we spent the night at the place of Peder Nielsen.

Thursday 31st. I visited the members and held a meeting in the evening with the saints and some non members. Both brother A. Larsen and I had the opportunity to bear strong testimony to the non-members.

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⁴⁶Page 46 May 1866, on original journal

Friday 1st. Br. A. Larsen and I left this Island, and went to the island of Falster⁴⁷ where we went to Skovby and stayed overnight in the home of M. K. Simsen

Saturday 2nd. Continued our travel to Nørre Ørslev where brother A. Larsen left me to go to Nykøbing.

Sunday 3rd. I visited the saints in Øvrup and received-letter from my family, held a meeting with the saints in this town, and on the same day held a meeting for non-members in the home of P. Poulsen, some saints were also present. I spoke to the last group about the necessity of unity and other things, bore my testimony to the non-members. After the meeting brother A. Larsen, brother R. Nenningden and I went to Nykøbing to the home of R. Henningsen.

Monday 4th. Wrote a letter to Pres. P. Hansen to tell him where I was, and wrote a letter home to comfort them and to counsel them in the spirit of the Lord, I included my picture in the letter.

Tuesday 5th. I went to the Island of Lolland to the home of H. Jørgensen in Thoreby where I was very well received and we had many good discussions.

Wednesday 6th. We continued our travel through Saksøbing, Bandholm and several villages. We walked 12 miles that day and came to the home of Mikkel Sorensen in Blands in the evening and spent the night there.⁴⁸

Thursday 7th. I visited saints and friends who had faith in this work. I continued my travel to St. Lindet to sister Ane Marie Fristrup.

Friday 8th. I walked 16 miles and came to Skottemarke to some saints there, and here received a letter from Pres. P. Hansen.

Saturday 9th. Stayed here and visited the saints. They were happy for my visit.

Sunday 10th. Held three meetings with the saints and some non-members. Bore testimony to the non-members and they felt good. I spoke and I now hope that some of them will receive the gospel one day. Monday 11th. I visited the saints here in the area.

Tuesday 12th. I walked 16 miles and visited a good man by the name of Soren Hansen in Ø Thirsted, a relative to N. P. Madsen, my neighbor. From here we went⁴⁹ to Vejleby where we met a miller who had been in Utah. We were well received but continued to Troelseby where we tried to find a place to stay overnight, but were unable to do it and consequently had to continue to Skovlunge to the home of R. Clausen, whose wife is a member.

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⁴⁹Page 49 June 1866, on original journal

Wednesday 13th. We walked to Nakskov and visited the saints there and from here to Tsars where we stayed overnight at the home of H. Pedersen.

Thursday 14th. Wrote a letter to Pres. P. J Hansen and visited a good family by the name of J. Pedersen, from there we went to Nakskovstov to a brother C. Jensen and spent the night there.

Friday 15th. We walked to St. Lindet and visited the saints in the area.

Saturday 16th. Spent the time visiting the saints.

Sunday 17th. Held two good meetings, I felt a good spirit there. I taught the saints and gave them good advice. Said Goodbye to the saints and walked to Nakskov forest with some of the saints and visited brother C. Jensen.

Monday 18th. Visited M. Poulsen's family, from there I went to Taars where I bore my testimony to many,

Tuesday 19th. I traveled to the Island of Langeland by boat, and bore my testimony to the people onboard and sang two songs for them. On Langeland I walked to Jens Larsen in Thybølle; his wife is a member of the church.

Wednesday 20th. I walked to the home of brother C. Petersen in Boelfofte.⁵⁰ On the way I bore my testimony to a good family. I passed by the castle "Tranekaer" which is, located in a beautiful area.

Thursday 21st. I walked to the home of brother H. Hansen in Lejbølle and held a good meeting with saints and non-members. We had a good spirit in the meeting.

Friday 22nd. I had the opportunity to talk to several who believed in the gospel. I then walked to Boeltofte where we held a good little meeting. Enjoyed the sacrament with the saints and had a serious talk with a "believing" girl. I hope she will join the church in the future.

Saturday 23rd. I walked to Lejbølle in order to talk to some people who believed the gospel. Held a good meeting in the evening and I had the opportunity to baptize the above mentioned girl. Her name is Mette Marie Hansen, born 29 April 1839 in Lejbølle. I confirmed her a member of the church the same evening.

Sunday 24th. I fasted and held two good meetings. These meetings were well attended and a good spirit was present. After the meeting I had the opportunity to explain from the Bible and bear testimony to some of the people there.

Monday 25th. I walked to Boeltofte to held a meeting. There was a good spirit⁵¹ among the non-members.

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Tuesday 26th. Visited some good people in the area. I bore my testimony. The same evening brother J. P. Olsen arrived, and we held a good meeting that evening. We bore our testimonies to the saints and the non-members, and they felt good.

Wednesday 27th. Walked to Stoense Harbor to talk to a woman who believed in the gospel, then walked back to Lejbølle, on the way back I bore my testimony to several persons.

Thursday 28th. We held a large meeting in the same place. There were some persons present who disturbed the meeting, so the meeting did not go as I had desired.

Friday 29th. We walked to Boeltofte where we ordained brother C. R. Petersen to the office of a Priest, visited several good persons who apparently believed the gospel.

Saturday 30th. We walked to Fuglsbølle and bore testimony to people on the way.

Sunday 1st July. Held a meeting in the home of Jens Larsen Kjaer.

Monday 2nd. Traveled to Svendborg and bore testimony to several persons on the way. After our arrival in Svendborg I said farewell to brother J. P. Olsen who went to Nyborg.

Tuesday 3rd. Wrote a letter to brother P. Hansen in Odense. I then walked to⁵² V. Skjaerninge to visit a sister. Here I met brother C. Nielsen and we held a good meeting.

Wednesday 4th. We walked to Hundtofte Mark where we had the opportunity to hold a meeting for some saints and non-members.

Thursday 5th. We walked to Gudme to the home of Niels Hansen and held a meeting there.

Friday 6th. We held a meeting in the evening.

Saturday 7th. We visited several good persons in the area.

Sunday 8th. We walked to Nyborg where we attended two good meetings, and I had the opportunity to teach the saints. From here I traveled to Odense where I was well received.

Monday 9th. Visited the saints, and then walked to Allese Mark where I held a good meeting.

Tuesday 10th. Visited several good persons and held a large meeting in the evening. Pres. P. Hansen attended.

Wednesday 11th. Pres, Hansen and I walked out on the plains to visit the saints and friends.

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Thursday 12th. We visited several of our friends and held a good meeting with the saints and friends. Here I had the opportunity to explain the gospel clearly for them.

Friday 13th. We walked to Hasmark and visited several good persons.⁵³

Saturday 14th. We walked to Odense and talked to several good persons on the way.

Sunday 15th. I attended two good meetings where I had the opportunity to teach the saints. After the meetings we went to the forest.

Monday 16th. I wrote to my family.

Tuesday 17th. Visited several people, and I went to Markede where I talked to several of my old acquaintances.

Wednesday 18th. Brother M. Rasmussen and I walked to Anabølle Mose where we met the saints. They were happy to see us. We held a good meeting.

Thursday 19th. We visited saints and friends and held a good meeting with a good spirit present. I taught the saints and gave them some good advise.

Friday 20th. Visited some good persons and held a meeting. In the evening we baptized a girl by the name, Ana Christine Christiansen, born 1847.

Saturday 21st. We walked to Frøbjerg and held a meeting there.

Sunday 22nd. We walked to Aggerup where we held a meeting.

Monday 23rd. I walked to Huntofte Mark to Brother N. Nielsen.

Tuesday 24th. I visited the saints and held a good meeting with the saints and⁵⁴ non-members.

Wednesday 25th. Brother J. P. Olsen and I walked to Øllebølle and talked to several good persons.

Thursday 26th. I visited several good persons and held a meeting in V. Skjaerninge in the home of an old sister.

Friday 27th. I visited some of the saints and continued my travel to Svendborg.

Saturday 28th. Stayed here and talked to the saints.

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⁵⁴Page 54 July 1866, on original journal

Sunday 29th. Attended a Methodist meeting. There after I met with the Brethren J. P. Olsen and C. Nielsen and his sister, we had as enjoyable time together and then we walked with them part of the way to their home.

Monday 30th. I walked to Taasing where I visited several good persons. I then walked to Fuglsbølle.

Tuesday 31st. Stayed here.

Wednesday 1st August. I walked to Boeltofte and talked to several persons.

Thursday 2nd. Had the opportunity to bear my testimony to some people in the area and to baptize a girl by the name Ane Katrine Nielsen, born 11 Oct 1848. I confirmed her a member the same evening.

Friday 3rd. I held a meeting in Boeltofte.

Saturday 4th. Held a meeting in Leibølle.

Sunday 5th. Held a meeting in Leibølle.

Monday 6th. I walked to Boeltofte and spoke to some people.⁵⁵

Tuesday 7th. Because of the bad weather I spent the time reading.

Wednesday 8th. I went to the Harbour. but was unable to get across, so I had to go back. On the way back I bore my testimony to some people

Thursday 9th. I visited several in the area.

Friday 10th. I continued my travel to Lolland where I received a letter from Brother A. Larsen in Braenderslev where I spent the night.

Saturday 11th. Brother H. C. Christiansen and I walked to St. Lindet.

Sunday 12th. Brother A. Larsen arrived and we had a good time together. We held two good meetings where I bore my testimony and taught the saints.

Monday 13th. I wrote a letter to President C. Widerborg and President P. Hansen. I walked a little with brother A. Larsen on his way to Fyn. Before we separated we united in prayer. We had some good feelings for each other. I felt so alone, yet I know that the Lord is with his servants. I walked to the home of a farmer near Stokkemark Inn.

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Tuesday 14th. Spent the day here reading the magazine “Stjernen”

Wed. 15th. I walked to Rørbaek to brother H. Larsen and from here to Hans Jorgensen⁵⁶ in Toreby.

Thursday 16th. I walked to Nykøbing.

Friday 17th. I fasted and wrote a letter to my family.

Saturday 18th. I finished the letter.

Sunday 19th. Brother R. Henningsen and I walked to Paare where we held a meeting, from here we went to Skovby.

Monday 20th. I fasted and wrote several letters.

Tuesday 21st. I walked to Sortsø and went across to the island of Bogø and from here to the island of Møn. On my trip I had the opportunity to bear my testimony to several people.

Wed. 22nd. I visited several and held a little good meeting in the evening for the saints and non-members. I bore my testimony to them.

Thursday 23rd. I visited several in the area.

Friday 24th. I went to Falster and continued my trip to Skovby.

Saturday 25th. I went to Brørup and visited the saints.

Sunday 26th. I walked to Nykøbing and held a meeting in the home of brother R. Henningsen.

Monday 27th. I wrote a letter. Went to Landet and arrived in St. Lindet in the evening.

28th, 29th, 30th and 31st. I stayed in this area.

Saturday 1st (September) I walked from Lindet to Braderslev where I had the opportunity to bear my testimony to several.⁵⁷

Sunday 2nd. We held a district meeting where I had the opportunity to teach the saints concerning their duties, the proper relationship between husband and wife and between parents and children. I taught the young saints about their duties, so Zion could be established. In the afternoon we held a large meeting and here I had the opportunity to explain the gospel for the upbuilding of the saints.

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Monday 3rd. I wrote a little and then I walked to Bevlskov to the home of Jorgen Pedersen, where I was well received, stayed here and had many good and sincere discussions with them.

Tuesday 4th. I walked to sister Clausen in Skovlunge and from here to Christen Jensen in Hellilunge.

Wed. 5th. I walked to St. Lindet. Then I had to write some letters.

Thursday 6th. I spent the day in fasting and prayer.

Friday 7th. Brother H. C. Christiansen and I went to Blans.

Saturday 8th. We walked to Rørback.

Sunday 9th. We walked to Hans Knude where we held a meeting. Pres. P. Hansen was present. I spoke and gave the saints some good advise. We held three good meetings⁵⁸ that day. After the meetings we walked to Hans Knude where we spent the night.

Monday 10th. We went to Falster to the home of brother R. Henningsen to take care of some business.

Tuesday 11th. Pres. P. Hansen wrote a letter to President C. Widerborg in Copenhagen. We then separated, Pres P. Hansen went to Fyn and I went out to the countryside to hold a meeting with the saints; to teach them about their duty to be United. I continued my travel to Skovby in the evening.

Wed. 12th. Stayed here and wrote some letters.

Thursday 13th. Spent the day like yesterday.

Friday 14th. I walked to brother P. Rasmussen in N. Alslev and from here to brother Rasmus Nielsen in Øvrup.

Saturday 15th. I walked to Nykøbing to take care of some business.

Sunday 16th. I walked to Brørup to the home of brother Ole Olsen where we held a Branch Meeting. I spoke about priesthood ordinances. I ordained brother Rasmus Nielsen to the office of an Elder and brother Ole Olsen to the office of a teacher. We held another good meeting in the afternoon.

Monday 17th. I visited some good people and then I walked to Nykøbing.

Tuesday 18th. I wrote some letters, among them one to my family. I gave them some

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good advise. I also received a letter from Pres. P. Hansen advising me to attend⁵⁹ conference in Odense on the 28th.

Wed. 19th. I went to Lolland and visited several on the way. Came to brother Lars Olsen in Udstolpe.

Thursday 20th. Brother H. Larsen came from Rørback and I drove with him to Skottemarke to the home of brother M. Madsen where we held a large meeting with the saints and non-members. There was a good spirit present and both the saints as well as the non-members were happy with the message.

Friday 21st. We drove to Maribo where I said goodbye to brother H. Larsen, I walked a little and got a ride with a "well to do" man from Bandholm; I told him who I was and why I was in Denmark. I then walked to sister Grethe in Blans. After a short visit here I walked to brother C. Jensen in Hellinge.

Saturday 22nd. Wrote in my journal, visited several and walked to St. Lindet.

Sunday 23rd. We held a Branch Meeting and had some good reports about the Mission and the saints. I also taught the saints. In the evening, after the meeting I walked to Branderslev.

Monday 24th. I walked to brother H. Pedersen in Taars and held a good meeting with non-members.

Tuesday 25th. I went to Langeland and continued my travel to Botofte where I was well received. After having spent some hours here I walked to brother H. Hansen in Leibølle where I was very well received and spoke to the saints, trying to build up their spirit.

Wed. 26th. I went to the island of Fynn and traveled to brother Henrik Nielsen in⁶⁰ Hundtofte Mark. I met brother A. Larsen and held a meeting in the evening.

Thursday 27th. Brother A. Larsen and I went to Odense.

Friday 28th. A council was held where Pres. C. Widerborg and N. Wilhelmsen were present.

Saturday 29th. Our conference started. We received much good advise.

Sunday 30th. We started our conference meeting at 10 AM. The authorities of the church were sustained. The saints were taught their duties. The next meeting was at 2 PM. Here I bore my testimony and told the saints about several of their duties. Several members of the priesthood spoke. After the conference meetings I went with the saints out on the plain.

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Monday 1st October. I visited relatives and friends. Held a good meeting with the saints in the evening. Some non-members were present. Taught the saints and the non-members about their responsibilities.

Tuesday 2nd. Visited several of my relatives and friends in the area.

Wed. 3rd. I walked to Allesø Mark, visited many of my acquaintances on the way. Held a large meeting, we had a good spirit and I bore a strong Testimony to the people.⁶¹ I then walked to Odense.

Thursday 4th. I visited several in the city. Traveled by the steamship “Sanct Knud” to Copenhagen. On board, I had the opportunity to talk to many and to bear my testimony to quite of few good people.

Friday 5th. In the morning I walked to brother Thomstoff, the printer, who lives at Østergade (street), No. 36, on the third floor, in Copenhagen. I visited several in the city that day.

Saturday 6th. Our General Conference started at 10 AM. What a joy it was to gather with so many brethren from home. We had three good meetings that day. My joy was indescribable. The hall was decorated by the saints. Someone had made a poem pertaining to the brethren from Zion. Strong testimonies were given to the saints and the non-members.

Sunday 7th. Held two good meetings at “Enigheds Verket.” All of us had the opportunity to bear our testimony and there was a good spirit in the congregation.

Monday 8th. We were all gathered to receive advise from Pres. C. Widerborg. We had a pleasant meeting and then we were given a dinner before we separated.

Tuesday 9th. Were all the brethren from Zion together to have our picture taken. Then⁶² we went downtown to see the old Kings' castle, which was very interesting.

Wed. 10th. We went to Vesterbro to see a play. Afterwards I visited several of the saints in the city.

Thursday 11th. Spent the time reading and visiting some friends to whom I spoke about the gospel.

Friday 12th. The same as yesterday. I attended a meeting in the evening in which I taught the people.

Saturday 13th. The same as yesterday.

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Sunday 14th. Attended two large meetings in which I spoke. In the evening I went to Vesterbro where I saw a show with some black people doing gymnastics. This was very interesting.

Monday 15th. Walked around to the saints and friends and said goodbye.

Tuesday 16th. Traveled by steamship from Copenhagen to Nykobing Falster where I arrived the same evening. The trip to Copenhagen had been very uplifting to me.

Wed. 17th. Spent the time writing to my family in Zion, answering the letter I had received the previous evening. Everything was well at home, which I was very happy to hear.⁶³

Thursday 18th. I walked to brother R. Nielsen to Øvrup.

Friday 19th. I continued my trip to brother P. Rasmussen in N. Alslev where I was well received. After a short visit, I then walked to Skovby where I met brother J. P. Olsen and several of the saints. They were happy to see me.

Saturday 20th. Brother J. P. Olsen and I went to Stubbekøbing to talk to some people who wanted to talk to me. We bore our testimonies to a woman who believed what we said was true. We then went back to Skovby.

Sunday 21st. I attended a Branch Meeting in the home of brother H. Larsen in Taarup. Here I had the opportunity to teach the saints. We had a good spirit. I then continued my travel to Bjørup, some of the saints went with me.

Monday 22nd. I visited some people in the area. Held a meeting for non-members, in the evening where I taught them the first principles of the gospel. They appreciated my testimony.

Tuesday 23rd. Held a meeting in the evening in a house by Kringleborg. The people felt good about the things I spoke, perhaps some of them, some day will join the⁶⁴ church.

Wed. 24th. Visited some who believed in the gospel. In the afternoon I walked to Flintinge where I spent the night.

Friday 26th. Went to brother H. Larsen in Rørback and on my way, I had the opportunity to talk about the gospel to several people.

Saturday 27th. Continued my travel to Store Lindet where I arrived in the evening.

Sunday 28th. Held a meeting there, I spoke and taught the saints about their duties as members of the church.

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Monday 29th. I walked to Jørgen Pedersen in Bolskov, a man who was not a member. His wife was baptized without him knowing about it. From there I continued my trip to brother M. Poulsen in Branderslev.

Tuesday 30th. I walked to brother H. Pedersen in Taars where we held a meeting for non-members. We had a good spirit present.

Wed. 31st. I had the opportunity to talk to some who desired to hear my testimony. In the afternoon I walked to brother M. Poulsen in Branderslev where we held a little meeting for the saints. I spoke to them about the priesthood.

Thursday 1st November. I went to Nakskov where I had the opportunity to talk to several people who wanted to talk to me. I then went back.⁶⁵

Friday 2nd. I walked to Store Lindet where I held a large meeting for saints and non-members. I spoke about the first principles of the gospel and the talk was well received.

Saturday 3rd. I walked to Blans and visited the saints. Wrote two letters to some saints.

Sunday 4th. Some saints and I walked to brother N. Larsen in Rørback where we held a fastmeeting. All the brethren had the opportunity to express their feelings which was very upbuilding to the saints. In the evening I walked with brother M. Madsen to Skottemark.

Monday 5th. I wrote some letters and visited the saints and friends in the area.

Tuesday 6th. Same as yesterday.

Wednesday 7th. I traveled to Flintinge where we held a large meeting for non-members I felt that I really had the spirit of the Lord and that my message was well received. I told them about Zion and what laws we had there, this subject seemed to interest them. After the meeting I continued my trip to brother M. Larsen in Rørback.

Thursday 8th. I walked to brother C. Jensen in Helsing where I held a little meeting in the evening.

Friday 9th. I walked to Tears where I met President P. Hansen who had arrived from Fyn,⁶⁶ we held a little meeting in the home of brother H. Pedersen.

Saturday 10th. We visited Jorgen Pedersen in Bulskov, his wife was a member without him knowing about it. After talking to them for some hours about the gospel we returned to brother M. Poulsen in Branderslev.

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Sunday 11th. We held a good meeting here. Brother P. Hansen and I spoke to the saints, in the evening I walked to brother C. Jensen in Hellinge.

Monday 12th. I visited a sister in Skovlaenge. From here I went to St. Lindet and held a little meeting.

Tuesday 13th. We visited the saints in Blans.

Wed. 14th. We continued our travel to Skottemarke and held a large meeting in Flaarup for non-members, all were peaceful and concentrated about the talks.

Thursday 15th. We held a meeting in Skottemarke for the saints as well as for non-members. P. Hansen and I bore our testimonies.

Friday 16th. We walked to Rørback to the home of brother H. Larsen. The weather was very unpleasant, we were completely wet from the rain. In the evening we held a little meeting.

Saturday 17th. We continued our trip to H. Jørgensen in Thoreby where we bore our testimonies to some non-members.

Sunday 18th. We went to Nykøbing on the island of Falster to the home of brother B. Henningsen where we held a good little branch meeting. At 2 PM it started to snow for⁶⁷ the first time.

Monday 19th. Took care of some business. Pres. P. Hansen went out in the countryside to visit the saints. Brother J. P. Olsen and I visited the saints in Bjørup. From here we went to Øvrup to the home of brother R. Nielsen.

Tuesday 20th. We walked to P. Larsen in Lundby where we held a meeting for non-members. Quite a few were present and they paid attention to my talk. In the evening we went with one of the persons who attended our meeting, namely a blacksmith from Brarup, to his home where we spent the night.

Wed. 21st. We continued our trip to brother R. Nielsen in Øvrup and on our way we had the opportunity to bear our testimony to several. Here we held a little meeting.

Thursday 22nd. Visited several of the saints. Held a meeting in the home of Rasmus Frandsen by Kringelborg, quite a few non-members were present and they felt good.

Friday 23rd. Wrote a letter to my family at home. Went over to Lolland (Island) to Thoreby to the home of Hans Knude where I talked a little about the gospel.

Saturday 24th. I walked 24 miles to brother C. Jensen in Hellinge.

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Sunday 25th. Held a branch meeting in the morning and another meeting at 2 PM for saints and friends.

Monday 26th. Visited saints and friends in the area and held a little meeting in⁶⁸ the evening.

Tuesday 27th. I walked to brother Poulsen in Braderslev, where I talked in a meeting to saints and non-members.

Wed. 28th. Visited several of our friends who believed in the gospel and held a little meeting.

Thursday 29th. Held a large meeting in Nakskov (town) for non-members and everybody appreciated my talk. I stayed with a man, one of my friends from the war in 1848 in Denmark. I was very well received.

Friday 30th. Visited many in the area. Held a good meeting for non-members, I testified about certain scriptures in the bible.

Saturday 1st December. I walked to brother H. Larsen in Rørback where I held a meeting.

Sunday 2nd. Brother H. Larsen drove me to Hans Jorgensen Knude in Thoreby. Here I held a large meeting with the saints. I taught them about their duties. I received a letter from my family at home, included was four pictures of the whole family. I was very happy to get the pictures and to find out about the conditions at home.

Monday 3rd. Visited several good people and held a large meeting in Flintinge,⁶⁹ attended by about 100 people, everybody was quiet. I spoke about the first principles of the gospel and they appreciated the talk.

Tuesday 4th. I had several good discussions with some good people in the area they received my testimony. Held a good meeting in above mentioned town. I felt that I had the spirit of God with me when I talked, the people were happy with my talk.

Wednesday 5th. I walked to Skottemarke where I attended a good meeting and spoke to the people.

Thursday 6th. I wrote to my family in Zion and also the brethern there; held a very good meeting in Flaarup that evening. Here I spoke about the necessity of repentance.

Friday 7th. I held a good meeting in Skottemarke. The people appreciated my talk.

Saturday 8th. I walked to Skørninge, held a good meeting. There were many present and they were interested in my testimony.

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⁶⁹Page 69 Dec 1866, on original journal

Sunday 9th. I attended their branch meeting in Skottemarke. Two meetings were held, one in the afternoon and one in the evening for friends.

Monday 10th. I spent the morning in bed with a slight cold. Spoke to some good people in the area.

Tuesday 11th. I walked to Thoreby and held a good meeting there; I spoke about the⁷⁰ plan of salvation and the spirit of God was with me.

Wed 12th. Brother J. P. Olsen and I went to Falster to the home of Brother Ole Olsen in Bjørup where we held a meeting in the evening.

Thursday 13th. Visited some good people and continued our trip to Nykøbing, the weather was very stormy with snow. We then walked to Øverup.

Friday 14th. We visited the saints in N. Alslev and Skovby.

Saturday 15th. Spent the day writing in my journal and talking to the saints.

Sunday 16th. I attended a branch meeting in Paare in the home of brother R. Nielsen, I taught the saints. After the meeting I went with the brethren J. P. Olsen and H. C. Christiansen to the Island of Møen and came to P. Nielsen in the evening, here we spent the night.

Monday 17th. We held a good meeting at the above mentioned place.

Tuesday 18th. I went to Haarbølle and held a meeting close to a house by the name of "Hell." Quite a few people attended and the spirit of the Lord was over me and the people felt good.

Wednesday 19th. I wrote several letters. Held a meeting in the house of Peder⁷¹ Nielsen in Dame. According to the people, this meeting was one of the best they have had on the Island of Møen. There were many people present and they really felt good.

Thursday 20th. Brother J. P. Olsen and I went to Falster and here we visited an uncle of Brother Olsen. He and his wife and a farmer were very interested in hearing our testimony. After a few hours we went to brother R. Nielsen in Paare.

Friday 21st. Went to Skovby and spent the time writing in my journal.

Saturday 22nd. Did the same.

Sunday 23rd. Held a meeting in the home of brother P. Rasmussen in N. Alslev for non-members. I testified of the teachings of Christ.

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⁷¹Page 71 Dec 1866, on original journal

Monday 24th. Visited the saints in Øverup and Bjørup. We spent Christmas eve in the home of brother Ole Olsen in Bjørup.

Tuesday 25th. (Christmas day) Visited brother Olsen's relatives and other places where we had the opportunity to bear a strong testimony to the people.

Wednesday 26th. We walked to Mareback to some people who wanted to talk to us. After a short visit there we walked to Hjøet, here brother J. P. Olsen stayed to visit some saints and I continued my travel to Nykøbing and from there to Lolland to the home of Hans Jørgensen K.

Thursday 27th. I traveled to the home of brother H. Larsen in Rørback.⁷²

Friday 28th. Visited saints in Blands and Lindet. In Lyndet, I held a meeting for the saints.

Saturday 29th. It was decided to hold a meeting in Haldsted in the home of a farmer who's place was used for a meeting many years ago. But when we came to hold the meeting the man decided not to permit it, so the people had to go home again.

Sunday 30th. We walked to Branderslev to attend a Branch meeting in the home of brother Poulsen. I had the opportunity to teach the saints about their duties. In the afternoon, at 2 PM we held a meeting for the saints and non-members. In the evening I was invited to a party in the home of a man who I knew from the war in Denmark. I had an opportunity to bear my testimony.

Monday 31st. I spent the time in Branderslev writing some letters. In the year 1866 I held 306 meetings.

Tuesday 1st January 1867. I walked to brother H. Pedersen in Taars where I held 2 good meetings. The spirit of the Lord helped me in teaching the people.

Wednesday 2nd. I visited several good people. Afterwards, I walked to Nakskov where I held a meeting and the people were satisfied with my message. I stayed overnight in the home of one of my old friends from the war.

Thursday 3rd. I walked to Branderslev-Vie where brother W. Poulsen had decided⁷³ to hold a meeting for non-members and had invited people to attend. There was a good spirit present and a peaceful and quiet atmosphere. I gave a good testimony.

Friday 4th. Brother W. Poulsen and I walked to Heliinge where we held a meeting for the saints and some non-members. They felt good about my talk.

Saturday 5th. Wrote a letter to my family in which I gave some good advise. Continued my travel to Blands.

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⁷³Page 73 Jan 1867, on original journal

Sunday 6th. I walked to brother H. Larsen in Rørback where we held a meeting for the saints.

Monday 7th. The brethren, K. Hansen and A, Hansen walked with me to Raad where we held a good meeting for non-members. I gave a powerful testimony to the people and the spirit of the Lord guided me in my talk.

Thursday 8th. We had a good meeting with non-members in Nørre. The people were happy with the talk.

Wednesday 9th. We held a good meeting in Skørringe Skov. The people were eager to hear our testimony.

Thursday 10th. We again held a good meeting in Norre. The people accepted our⁷⁴ teachings.

Friday 11th. We walked to Flaarup where I held a meeting for non-members. I told them about the necessity of the restoration of the priesthood in these days.

Saturday 12th. We held a good meeting in Skottemarke, where I explained about the necessity of becoming a member of the kingdom of God.

Sunday 13th. We held a Branch meeting the same place, and two good meetings for the saints and non-members in the afternoon.

Monday 14th. Wrote several letters. Hold a meeting in the evening in Flaarup for ton-members.

Tuesday 15th. Brother K. Hansen and I Walked to Rødby where we held a good meeting. I explained to the people about the membership in God's kingdom, about the restoration of the priesthood as it was found in the old days. The people where quiet and listened and the spirit of God guided me in my talk.

Wednesday 16th. We walked to Nørre where we held a meeting.

Thursday 17th. We held a good meeting in Raad, where the people were very friendly. I spent the night in the home of the miller and was well received.

Saturday 19th. I walked to Thoreby and visited some good people on the way.⁷⁵

Sunday 20th. I held a little meeting for the saints.

Monday 21st. I went to Falster.

Tuesday 22nd. Wrote a little and visited the saints in Sønder Ørslev.

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Wednesday 23rd. Walked to Skovby and visited saints.

Thursday 24th. I stayed here to write letters.

Friday 25th. Held a little meeting for the saints in the home of brother R. Nielsen in Paare. I gave them some good advise and taught them about unity.

Saturday 26th. Visited the saints in N. Alslev, I then went to R. Nielsen in Øvrup.

Sunday 27th. Attended a Branch meeting in Bjørup in the home of brother Ole Olsen. I taught the saints about the necessity of paying tithing and other things which they needed. In the evening we held a little meeting for non-members.

Monday 28th. We held a good little meeting in Kringelberg..

Tuesday 29th. Walked to brother P. Rasmussen in Nørre Alslev where we held a large meeting for non-members. I spoke about the first principles of the Gospel. In the evening we walked to Skovby.

Wednesday 30th. Brother K. Hansen and I walked to the home of Hans Jyde where we held a meeting for non-members. We had a good little meeting and the people⁷⁶ seemed satisfied.

Thursday 31st. Visited the saints in Skovby. Wrote in my journal, etc.

Friday 1st February. We walked to Øvrup where we held a good little meeting for the saints and non-members.

Saturday 2nd. I walked to Nykøbing. Wrote a letter to president P. Hansen in Odense, received a letter from home. Everything was well at home and I am grateful to the Lord for that. Continued my travel to Lolland.

Sunday 3rd. We held a good meeting there.

Monday 4th. I walked to brother H. Larsen in Rørback.

Tuesday 5th. Wrote a letter to my family at home. I gave them some good advise. I also wrote a letter to the saints at home. Held a large meeting. In the evening I had the opportunity to baptize a girl by the name of Ane Kristine Madsen, she was born 8 Jan 1845 in Idestrup on the island of Falster.

Wednesday 6th. I walked to Flaarup and here I baptized a family, namely Rasmus Jensen, born 28 Mar 1835 in Skørringe on the island of Lolland and his wife Else Olsen, born 26 Oct 1840 in Flaarup. I confirmed them members of the church the same evening.

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Thursday 7th. I blessed a boy by the name of Lars Christian Jensen born 25 Mar⁷⁷ 1860 and a girl by the name of Ane Kirstine Hansine Jensen, born 18th Mar 1863.

Friday 8th. We walked to Rødby and held a good meeting for non-members. The spirit of God was over us and the people felt good. So many were present that some had to stand out on the street, but everything went quiet.

Saturday 9th. Held also a large meeting and the people felt good.

Sunday 10th. I walked to Store Lindet and held a branch meeting. In the afternoon at 2 PM, we held a good meeting for the saints and non-members.

Monday 11th. I walked to Tsars to brother H. Pedersen. In the evening we held a good meeting.

Tuesday 12th. I visited a good family and spoke to several good people. Held a good meeting for some friends and saints. I taught them about the duties of the people of God, and I bore my testimony to the non-members.

Wednesday 13th. Visited the saints in Branderslev and after a short visit here, I walked to Jørgen Pedersen in Buldskov.

Thursday 14th. I visited the saints. Held a good meeting for the saints and good friends in the home of brother C. Jensen in Hellinge.

Friday 15th. Wrote a letter to the family of my 1st wife. I walked to Blands and had a good discussion with some of the saints.

Saturday 16th. I walked to Skottemark and talked to several good people.

Sunday 17th. We held a Branch meeting and a good meeting in the afternoon in Flaarup and another in the evening, everything went fine.

Monday 18th. Visited the saints in Rørback and held a good meeting for non-members. In the evening I baptized a girl by the name of Bodel Hansen, born 4 Aug. 1846 in Sakskobing. I confirmed her a member of the church the same evening.

Tuesday 19th. I visited Hans Jørgen Knude and stayed here overnight. I spoke to some good people.

Wednesday 20th. I went to Falster where I met brother J. R. Olsen. When we separated I visited the saints in Bjørup.

Thursday 21st. I continued my trip to brother P. Rasmussen in N. Alslev to hold a meeting for non-members. After my arrival, brother J. P. Olsen came from the town, he had invited the people.

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Quite a few were present in the meeting and the people were somewhat quiet, and I felt a pretty good spirit. After the meeting a man by the name of Kør1 asked some questions about what difference there⁷⁹ were between the Lutheran church and Mormonism. We answered that. He then asked about Polygamy and we also answered him about that. He then become very angry with me, and called me a liar and swindler and said that he wondered how many bloody knives I had used in Utah, some of the people enjoyed his talk and said he spoke the truth, but many were on my side and declared my words to be true. After the meeting brother J. P. Olsen and I went to Skovby.

Friday 22nd. I spent the day writing letters.

Saturday 23rd. Brother T. P. Olsen and I walked to Hans Jyde I Lillebrende, where there was a meeting for non-members. When we arrived we found the house full of people, some sang and danced and some played cards. Shortly after we arrived I took charge and told the people that we were here for the purpose of speaking to them and asked them to stop playing cards. Some refused, but some would like to⁸⁰ listen, and we got into the living room for a little while, then went back out to play cards. We gave a short talk and closed the meeting. Some of them were good people and wanted to hear more, but the condition were not such that we could. We made ourselves ready to leave as soon as possible and when we got outside some of the people followed us for a while, singing. Then they returned to the house. I walked with brother R. Nielsen from Paare to his home.

Sunday 24th. Attended a branch meeting in the home of brother R. Larsen in Taarup. Present were President R. Henningsen, the District Presidents for the 1st and 2nd districts and a number of the members of the branch. Good reports were given. The brethren were happy that they belonged to the Kingdom of God and I had the opportunity to teach the saints about unity, etc. In the afternoon we had a good meeting for the saints and non-members, where a good testimony were given. In the evening I walked with the saints to Skovby where I spent the night.⁸¹

Monday 25th. Spent the day writing letters.

Tuesday 26th. Sister Maren K. Pedersen and I went from Skovby to the Island of Møen where she had some relatives. We arrived in the afternoon and were well received and I had some good discussions with them.

Wednesday 27th. I again spoke to them and held a meeting in the evening in the home of Peder Nielsen Hjorth in Dame. Quite a few good people were present and I felt the spirit of God with me and the people were satisfied.

Thursday 28th. We went to Skovby on the Island of Falster.

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⁸⁰Page 80 Feb 1867, on original journal

⁸¹Page 81 Feb 2867, on original journal

Friday 1st March. Brother J. P. Olsen and I went to Rørback on the Island of Lolland to the home of brother H. Larsen and on the way we visited saints in Taarup, Ørslev, Bjørup and Nykøbing. They were happy with our visit. We traveled about 20 miles that day.

Saturday 2nd. We walked to brother C. Jensen in Hellinge. On the way we got a ride with a man by the name of Gregers Jensen. This man had a daughter who was a member of our Church, but he was very much against it. He did not know that we were members also.

Sunday 3rd. Held a meeting for the saints and quite a few were present. I fasted⁸² and we had a good meeting. After the meeting I walked with the saints to Blands to visit sister Grete Mikkelsen, we had a good time together.

Monday 4th. We went to Gregers Jensen's family. He was not home and brother J. P. Olsen and I had the opportunity to bear our testimony to them. They really appreciated our visit.

Tuesday 5th. I visited the saints in St. Lindet and in Helliglunge. The last place I held a meeting for the saints and some non-members.

Wednesday 6th. Brother W. Poulsen and I went to farmer Niels Rasmussen in Kogsbølle where we were very well received.

Thursday 7th. I went to Taars in company with brother H. Pedersen, here we held a good meeting for the saints and some non-members. I really felt that the spirit of God was with me. Brother Ole Markusen renewed his covenant.

Friday 8th. The weather was bad so I stayed here. I had the opportunity to⁸³ talk to some good people and held a meeting in the evening for some non-members. I told them about the restoration of the gospel, etc., and they felt good about my remarks. Some questions were asked and I answered them being guided by the spirit of God.

Saturday 9th. I walked to Jens Hansen Lindholt in Branderslev where we held a good meeting, quite a few were present. A good testimony was given and the people seem satisfied.

Sunday 10th. I attended the Branch meeting in Branderslev and had a good meeting. After the meeting I walked to Hellinge where I held a good meeting. A girl was baptized, her name was Caroline Nielsen, born 22 May 1849 and another renewed her covenant, namely Maren Catrine Rasmussen. I took care of the ordinances.

Monday 11th. I visited the saints and some good people in Rørback.

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⁸³Page 83 Mar 1867, on original journal

Tuesday 12th. Wrote some letters and continued my trip to H. Jørgensen in Thoreby where I held a good little meeting, we had a good discussion about the teaching of Christ and the people felt good.

Wed 13th. I went to Nykøbing where I met President P. Hansen. We were happy to see each other again. He gave me a letter from my family in Zion, encl. was a picture of⁸⁴ my oldest son. I was very happy to receive this. They were looking forward to see me again.

Thursday 14th. I wrote a letter to President C. Widerborg in Copenhagen and some other necessary letters.

Friday 15th. I went to Lolland and continued my travel to Nysted to see the city; it was quite a beautiful place. I continued my travel to Flaarup, where I was well received by the saints who were planning to go to Zion.

Saturday 16th. Visited some good people in Skottemarke. Later held a meeting, together with P. Hansen. We bore our testimonies in regards to the restoration of the gospel in our days and the organization of the Holy Priesthood today as well as in the old days.

Sunday 17th. Attended a branch meeting at the place of Brother M. Madsen in Skottemarke where quite a few saints and friends were gathered. I taught the people, then I went to Flaarup with several of the saints where I held two good meetings with member and non-members. They listened well to my talk and were quiet. After the meeting I answered⁸⁵ some questions.

Monday 18th. Brother P. Hansen and I visited the members in Rødby and Halleby and here we administered to a brother who was ill. A young girl was blessed and I performed the ordinances. In the evening we held a good meeting in Rødby, the room was full of people who listened carefully to our testimonies

Tuesday 19th. Visited some good people in Nørre and held a good meeting at the place of Julius Jørgensen in Skorringe Skov. Both of us talked and the people listened to our remarks.

Wed 20th. I said good-bye to brother P. Hansen who continued his travel to Blands. I held a large meeting for non-members. They received my testimony well.

Thursday 21st. I stayed here and talked to several good people, attended a meeting of a Lutheran sect, INDRE MISSION, which was held in the school. The meeting was under the direction of two missionaries and a minister. After they had finished I asked for permission to speak. This, however, was not granted me despite that a number of people there desired to hear me. I, then continued my travel to brother H. Larsen Rørback where I again met President P. Hansen⁹⁰.

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⁹⁰Page 90(?) Mar 1867, on original journal

Friday 22nd. Went to Falster to continue our travel to Øvrup.

Saturday 23rd. We visited the saints at N. Alslev and Skovby.

Sunday 24th. Held a Branch meeting in the home of sister Maren K. Pedersen in Skovby. Two people were excommunicated. There was a good spirit present in the meeting in the morning as well as in the meeting in the afternoon.

Monday 25th. I went to brother R. Nielsen in Øvrup and held a good meeting with some good people.

Tuesday 26th. I received a letter from President C. Widerborg in Copenhagen in which he mentioned that I should return to my family and that he was satisfied with the work I had done on these Islands. In Nykøbing, I met Pres. P. Hansen and we traveled to Lolland to the home of Hans Jørgensen Kunde in Thoreby. We had a good time together.

Wed. 27th. We went to Blands and after a short visit we went to Greger Jensen's widow where we were very well received.

Thursday 28th. We stayed here and had a pleasant time. In the evening I had the⁹¹ opportunity to baptize this lady; Kirsten Christensen, born 14 Apr 1810 at Store Lindet, and her daughter, Berthe Gregersen, born 11 Dec 1832 at Reernaes. P. Hansen confirmed Kirsten Christensen a member of the church.

Friday 29th. I went to Rørback and talked to several good people.

Saturday 30th. I went to Nykøbing on the island of Falster, here I received a letter from Pres. C. Widersborg in Copenhagen. He informed me that the Emigration Company would not leave until the month of June. It would cross the Atlantic Ocean by steamship.

Sunday 31st. Brother J. P. Olsen and I held a good meeting in N. Alslev for the saints and some of our friends and we felt the spirit of the Lord. We slept overnight in Skovby.

Monday 1st. April I stayed here and wrote several letters and together with above mentioned brother held a meeting in the home of H. Larsen in Faarup for the saints and friends. Stayed overnight in Skovby.

Tuesday 2nd. I stayed here due to bad weather.⁹²

Wed 3rd. Visited the saints in Bjørup.

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⁹²Page 92 Apr 1867, on original journal

Thursday 4th. I went to Nykøbing and met brother L.P. Edholm which was a great joy for both of us. We went together to Hans Jørgensen in Thoreby.

Friday 5th. We traveled to Skottemarke where we were well received by the saints and friends. We testified to the truth of this work.

Saturday 6th. Visited the saints and held a good meeting in Flaarup. Many good people were present. They were very satisfied with the teaching we gave them.

Sunday 7th. We walked to Rørback to brother H. Larsen where we held a good meeting for the saints. The spirit of the Lord was present in abundance.

Tuesday 9th. Visited some good people in Taad and talked to a parish clerk. Held a meeting in the evening.

Wed. 10th. Held a meeting in Skoringe Skov.

Thursday 11th. Stayed here and held a little meeting in the evening.

Friday 12th. Visited the saints in Hellinge and held here a meeting with saints and non-members.⁹³

Saturday 13th. Visited the saints in the area and in St. Lindet.

Sunday 14th. We held a branch meeting with many of the saints. The spirit of the Lord was there. We taught the saints about their duties. We stayed overnight in Reernaes. On this trip the weather was very unpleasant, lots of rain.

Monday 15th. Stayed here. A sick sister was administered to and we enjoyed the sacrament with the saints.

Tuesday 16th. I traveled to Nykøbing, Feaster where I received information pertaining to my trip home.

Wed. 17th. I wrote to my family in Zion, in the letter I told them that I was coming home; and another letter to Bishop H. K. Thorber and some other letters. Held a meeting in the evening.

Thursday 18th. Held a large meeting in the home of Maren K. Pedersen for non-members and saints. We felt a good spirit as we talked.

Friday 19th. I continued my travel with the brethren, L. P. Edholm and J. P. Olsen. We stayed overnight in Nykøbing.

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Saturday 20th. Visited the saints in Flaarup⁹⁴

Sunday 21st. Attended a Branch meeting in Skottemarke. In the evening we held a good meeting in Flaarup. I baptized a girl by the name of Marie Lavrine Eriksen, born 22 Mar 1853 in Hulleby, and thereafter, a lady in Flaarup by the name of Dorthe Madsen, born 25 Dec 1808 in Bukkehave. I did the ordinances for both.

Monday 22nd. Held two good meetings, one in Flaarup and the other in Skottemarke. The people were happy with our messages and enjoyed our presence.

Tuesday 23rd. Visited several good people and held a good meeting in the evening where I taught the saints about several of their duties.

Wed. 24th. I walked to Hulleby and administered to a sick brother. I then went to Rødby to hold a meeting, many attended.

Thursday 25th. Visited saints in Reernes and several places; on the above mentioned place I met brother A. Larsen and spent a pleasant time together.

Friday 26th. We spent the time together here⁹⁵

Saturday 27th. Went to Øvrup on the island of Falster where we held a good little meeting with some good people.

Sunday 28th. Held a branch meeting in the home of brother R. Henningsen. And a good meeting in the afternoon. We gave the saints good advise and council.

Monday 29th. We continued our travel to Nørre Alslev and held a meeting with non-members. Most of them were quiet.

Tuesday 30th I continued my travel with brother J. P. Olsen to the island of Møen in order to say good-bye to the saints.

Wed. 1st. May. Held a meeting in the home of Peder Nielsen Hjorth at Dame. Many of the people listened carefully to our talks.

Thursday 2nd. We traveled to Sortsø on Falster to the home of brother Rasmus Nielsen. Here we stayed overnight.

Friday 3rd. Sister Maren K. Petersen and I went to brother R. Nielsen in Øvrup.

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Saturday 4th. I went to Nykøbing to record something in my books before I had to leave. Went to brother Ole Olsen in Bjørup and had the opportunity to baptize a girl, namely Ane Sophie Olsen, born 8 Jun 1843 in Nykøbing. I blessed a little girl by the name of Marie Kirstine Olsen.⁹⁶

Sunday 5th. I went to Nykøbing and met the brethren, President P. Hansen and Elder L.P. Edholm and several of the saints. We held a conference at the place of Inkeeper, Jorgen Hansen in Nykøbing. President P. Hansen presided and the songs were conducted by the Elders J. P. Olsen and H. P. Petersen. Some changes were made pertaining to the traveling brethren, all apparently for the good of the work. In the afternoon we had a real good meeting with non-members and saints, the spirit of the Lord was there. Here I bade the saints my last farewell.

Monday 6th. Spent the time preparing myself for my trip home and did the same on the 7th.

Wed. 8th. P. Hansen and I went to Hans Knude.

Thursday 9th. We walked to Saksøbing and I said good-bye to me friends.

Friday 10th. I walked to Reersnee and said good-bye to the saints. They were real friendly towards me.

Saturday 11th. I visited several of the saints. Brother P. Hansen arrived from⁹⁷ Skottemarke.

Sunday 12th. I walked to Branderslev where I spoke in a large meeting of saints and told them good-bye.

Monday 13th. I walked to Taars. It snowed all day.

Tuesday 14th. Sailed to Langeland and was well received by my friends. Held a meeting.

Wed. 15th. Held a meeting in Bortofte. The people felt good.

Thursday 16th. Visited several good people. Traveled to Taasinge.

Friday 17th. Visited several good people. Left the island and traveled to Svendborg on Fyn, walked to Gudme, visited several good people and was received with joy.

Saturday 18th. I walked from Gudme to Nyborg.

Sunday 19th. I talked in a meeting to the saints. I went by railroad to Odense and was received with great joy. Talked in two good meetings and the spirit of the⁹⁸ Lord was with me.

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⁹⁷Page 97 May 1867, on original journal

⁹⁸Page 98 May 1867, on original journal

Monday 20th. P. Hansen and I walked out on the plains to say good-bye to relatives and friends.

Tuesday 21st. I stayed here and said good-bye.

Wednesday 22nd. Held a good meeting with saints and non-members. Brother K. Hansen came over to me and walked with me. We had a good time together.

Thursday 23rd. We walked to Hasmark and said goodbye to my relatives.

Friday 24th. I walked to Happendrup and held a good meeting, this town was the first on the plains in which I preached the gospel on my first mission, and now was the last in which I spoke. I bade them a affectionate farewell and asked the Lord to bless them.

Saturday 25th. I baptized Kirsten Nielsen who was born 28 Oct 1842 in Uggerslev. I confirmed her a member of the church. Thereafter I walked to Odense.

Sunday 26th. We had a large conference where quite a few saints and non-members were present. I spoke to them about the First Principles of the Gospel. We were⁹⁹ four brethren from Zion here and all of us spoke. We had a pleasant day. I bade farewell to the saints and the friends and thanked them for all the kindness they had shown me.

Monday 27th. I walked to Trøstrup-Korup to say good-bye to some of my old school friends I spent the night in the house which once belonged to me.

Tuesday 28th. Bade farewell here and walked to Odense.

Wednesday 29th. I walked to Annebøllemagle and was kindly received by friends. Held a good meeting.

Thursday 30th. Held a good meeting.

Friday 31st. I walked to Førdjerg, held a good meeting with the saints and non-members. Baptized Hanne Larsen, born 7 Mar 1652 in Horne parish; confirmed her and Caroline Hansen who was baptized the night before by K. Hansen.

Saturday 1st June. I visited relatives of my wife K. Pedersen. They were friendly.

Sunday 2nd I traveled to Fredericia on Jylland (Jutland) and met brother A. Larsen.¹⁰⁰ We enjoyed each others company. I had the opportunity to speak in the old meeting hall in which I spoke before I traveled to Utah Territory the first time.

Monday 3rd Brother A. Larsen and I walked to Vejle.

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Tuesday 4th. I wrote several letters, among these one to the relatives of my fourth wife.

Wednesday 5th. I traveled to Copenhagen on the steamship and prepared for my trip home. Also, I helped the saints. Attended several good meetings in which I spoke. Wrote letters to my home.

The 13th. Bade farewell to old Denmark and went by steamship "Waldemar" to Hull, England together with many saints, most of them were seasick. We went by railroad to Liverpool. This was a pleasant and beautiful trip. The train went through many tunnels. We spent a couple of days in Liverpool.

The 20th. We went onboard the ship "Manhattan." This was a large steamship. We were approximately 1300 people onboard. The middle part of the ship was assigned to the¹⁰¹ saints and the crew was very friendly to us.

The 21st. We started the trip and the company was divided into 7 wards, each with a Bishop. I was assigned as a Bishop for the 6th Ward which consisted mostly of English speaking people and some Danes. There was a good feeling between us. We held several meetings onboard, which were also attended by some non-members. We had prayers every morning and evening under the direction of the different Bishops.

We had good food on board and after a pleasant trip arrived in New York harbor on the coast of America; stayed here one day, namely 4th of July on which day there were festivities. We enjoyed the beautiful place, there were fireworks different places in the city and from the ships in the harbor, including our ship. The Apostle, Orson Pratt came onboard, together with several brethren from home to bid us welcome.

Friday 5th. We went on land and were taken to Castle garden where our names were¹⁰² recorded according to the law of the land. We exchanged our gold with paper money. I received a letter from my old father he had enclosed \$10 and informed me that he was well and the family were all well.

In the evening, at 6 PM we went onboard a steamship which took us to Albany, we arrived in the morning on the 6th. Went to the immigration office and waited here until noon and then we went by railroad to Rochester where we arrived on Sunday the 7th, and went by railroad to Niagara Falls which I was able to see.

Monday 8th Received new coaches and traveled past many beautiful towns, among others Hamilton.

Tuesday 9th. We arrived in Quincy and went by river to Detroit. In the afternoon at we went by railroad and stopped quite often.

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¹⁰²Page 102 Jul 1867, on original journal

Wednesday 10th. We were riding all day and saw Lake Michigan and reached Chicago in the evening at 10 PM. The train stopped all night.

Thursday 11th. We left Chicago and reached St. Joseph. Here we went onboard a¹⁰³ steamboat which took us to Omaha. We stayed here a couple of days and talked to some acquaintances. I bought a stove and a tent and several other small articles. We then went by railroad to North-Platte; here we stayed for some time, making preparation for our trip through the desert.

I received a letter from my family at home. Everything was fine. Encl. was \$40. I worked here and earned some money and this helped me with my trip. Our company, consisted wagons, each drawn by four oxen. In our company was Brigham Young Jr. and two of his brothers and several brethren from the valley. Shortly after commencing the trip we were organized into five companies, each with 10 wagons. Heel was captain for the first. Chr. Co Christensen for the 2nd. A. Nielsen for the third. I for the fourth and August Olsen for the fifth. F. Sorensen was Scout Captain and the leader of the company was brother Rich. We passed Juelsborg where I bought an additional wagon as I was afraid that the one we had could not carry our whole load.

In my wagon was Hans Hansen from Langeland and his wife and her sister and Maren¹⁰⁴ K. Pedersen; we divided our four oxen between the two wagons. Brother Hans Hansen, his wife and sister traveled in one of the Wagons and I and sister M. K. Pedersen in my wagon. This made our trip more convenient. After some days we reached the old road which I knew well as I had been that way twice before, and had already recorded the travel through the desert before in my life; but this trip was the most pleasant, as I was in good health and felt a peace inside, and felt assured that the Lord was satisfied with my mission. I felt a joy thinking about my loving family who I soon was going to see again, after being separated from them two years.

We arrived in Great Salt Lake City 5th Oct.

On the 6th, I went with several brethren to the new tabernacle which had just been dedicated. Many saints were present to attend the conference and I felt grateful to¹⁰⁵ be able again to see the Lord's Prophet and Apostles and to hear them speak the Word of Life." After the meeting I walked to the camp and admired the beautiful planned city with its large orchards and beautiful buildings.

The 7th. I stayed in the camp and helped the saints with dividing the wagons. It was raining so it was not pleasant to walk to the Conference.

Tuesday 8th. The camp was broken up and everybody on his way to his destination. My arrangement was taken care of by the brethren while I went to Salt Lake City to report my Homecoming. I was lucky to meet Erastus Snow on the street, I asked him what I should do. He took hold of me and took me to the platform in the tabernacle where President Brigham Young was present.

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¹⁰⁴Page 104 Aug 1867, on original journal

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He asked me about my mission and about my family and I answered that I had been in Scandinavia and mentioned that my family was well. He shook hands with me and said "God bless you and your family."¹⁰⁶

I attended the meeting before moon and heard the Prophet speak about the Word of Wisdom. He told the Elders to live it and to teach it at home and whenever they went. I felt such a joy learning about the progress of the church, especially since I knew that I had tried to live the above mentioned teaching.

I then went on the trip to my home. Niels P. Madsen had arrived to receive me. He had horse and wagon for me. I arrived home on Wednesday 9th and met my whole family in my home. All were happy to see me home again and my joy to see them was not less. I found that all were well and in good shape, considering the long period I had been gone.

(I held 50 meetings, attended 8 conferences, baptized.)

The next Sunday my family and I was in the chapel and I was called upon to speak¹⁰⁷ to the saints. I accepted this with joy as it was so nice to again see my brothers and sisters here. I thanked them for all the kindness they had shown my family while I was gone and I gave them a short report of my mission.

I now began to think about more materialistic things.

Shortly afterwards, Bishop A. K. Thurber set me apart in the position I held before I left, namely as President for the Danish and Swedish saints and I met every Sunday in the meetings of the Scandinavian saints.

Wed. 22 Jan 1868. In my own wagon I made a trip to Salt Lake City; with me were my wife, Karen Pedersen and the sisters, Maren K. Larsen, Maren Bishoff and Metha Marie Hansen, who arrived in the valley last fall and since that time has lived in my home.

The above mentioned sisters went to the House of the Lord on Jan 25th (for endowments)¹⁰⁸ after which they were sealed to me as wives for time and all eternity by the apostle, Wilford Woodruff, as follows:

1. Maren Kathrine Larsen, daughter of Peder Larsen and Dorteia Margrethe Mortensen from Falster.
2. Maren Bishoff, daughter of Jacob August Bishoff Ane Jorgensen from Sjaelland (Zealand).

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3. Metha Marie, daughter of Hans Ditlev Heine Hansen, Pauline Martha Christine Jorgensen from Langeland.

During the winter I was invited to several parties and dances.

I also had my trials since my homecoming as some of my family became ill, especially the children. The Lord called home my youngest daughter, Emma Jane P. Hansen on February 23rd, she was buried the 25th. She was born 19 Nov 1865 while I was on the mission in Denmark.

The greater part of this, my life's history, is recorded, as I have told it, by brother Chr. L. H. Michelsen, and I feel in my heart to ask the Lord to bless him¹⁰⁹ that he may record good things for my posterity.

In the same year a school was started and named: The School of the Prophets. I was received as a member and met once a week, several rules were given to us so we could set our lives in order. We received much good council and teaching from our leaders from time to time.

My wife, Marie S. Hansen gave birth to a son on Aug 13th, and he was named Nephi S. Hansen.

In the month of December I left my home with two of my wives and two of my sons to go to the Railroad in Weber Canyon to work here for two months. I earned good money. On Feb 27th 1869 my wife Karen P. Hansen gave birth to a son who was named Hyrum, P. Hansen.

In the month of April I traveled with part of my family to Salt lake City to¹¹⁰ attend the Conference.

On April 5th was the girl, Dorthea Kirstine Johansen sealed to me as my wife for time and all eternity, and the deceased girl, Karen Frederiksen was sealed to me for the hereafter as she herself had desired before she died.

I worked during the summer on my land and the land of three of my brothers which I had leased. The Lord blessed me with so many blessings of all kinds.

The first of October gave Karen A. Hansen birth to my daughter who was named Teodora A. Hansen.

During the winter I traveled to Cache Valley to visit my father and brothers who I had not seen for a long time, and also to receive part of my pay for the work I had done on the railroad. The trip was a pleasant trip.

¹⁰⁹Page 109 Jan 1968, on original journal

¹¹⁰Page 110 Feb 1869, on original journal

My father called his children together and asked us who should be the head of the¹¹¹ family and we agreed to choose the Apostle, Erastus Snow.

1870, 27th Feb. My wife, Maren B. Hansen gave birth to a stillborn son, she suffered a lot and we had to get hold of the doctor to help. We named the child, Jacob B. Hansen.

I attended conference in April and met my father who had a sister sealed to him.

May 5th. My wife, Marie S. Hansen gave birth to a daughter who was named Eleonora S. Hansen.

I worked in my fields during the summer, once a week I went to Payson to attend the School of the Prophets. I brought myself a press in order to be able to press my clothes.

Oct.7th. My wife, Mette M. H. Hansen gave birth to a daughter who was named Marie Christine H. Hansen.

1871

6th Apr. I attended conference with three of my wives. Much good teaching was given. And they talked about the building of the Temple.

On Aug 6th. My daughter, Marie Christine H. Hansen died after being sick for a long time.

3rd Oct. My wife, Dorthea Kirstine J. Hansen gave birth to a son, who was named Lehi Johanes J. Hansen.

1872

23rd Oct. My wife, Mette Marie H. Hansen gave birth to a son who was named Alm Christen H. Hansen.

1873

Karen A. Hansen gave birth to a son who was named Erastus A. Hansen.¹¹³

27th Oct. Got a son who was named Albert P. S. Hansen. His mother was Marie S. Hansen; the same boy died 24 July 1874.

I worked with my family for our mutual benefit and to help The Kingdom of God to move forward. I did this to the best of my ability and I held several positions of leadership among the Scandinavian Saints. We held meetings every Sunday¹¹⁴.

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¹¹³Page 113 1873, on original journal

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On 17th April 1874. The Lord blessed me with a son by my wife, Dortha Kirstine J. Hansen; he was named Heber J. Hansen.

15 Mar 1875. I again received a son by Marie S. Hansen and he was named Enoch Alfred S. Hansen.

30th Sep. (My wife) Karen A. Hansen gave birth to a daughter and she was named Hanne Dortha A. Hansen.

1876

22nd Oct. Dortha Kirstine J. Hansen gave birth to my daughter, Emily J. Hansen. A Prayer circle was organized and I was invited to become a member. We met every Sunday and prayed in the name of the Lord and I felt blessed for participating.¹¹⁵

1877

30th Jan. Marie S. Hansen gave birth to my son, Elias S. Hansen.

22nd Mar 1878. I received a letter that my father had passed away on March 19th. He was born 29 Nov 1795. My deceased mother was born 27 Jan. 1794. She died on the Ocean 22 Mar 1853.

A Patriarchal Blessing by Zebedee Coltrin 18 Sept. 1878 on the head of Jens Hansen.

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Brother J. Hansen. In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head to seal upon you a patriarchal blessing. You are a son of Abraham, of the house of Joseph and of the line of Ephraim. I seal upon you a father's blessing for you have the right to all the blessings of the Holy Priesthood and if you will remain faithful to the Lord you shall receive the power and the blessings of Eternal Life. You were chosen before this world to come forth in this dispensation to preach the gospel to the nations on the earth and to help in the building of Zion. The spirit of Prophecy and revelation shall rest upon and you will be filled with the Spirit of¹¹⁷ the Holy Ghost. All your organs will be expanded and you will be able to receive a full measure of knowledge and wisdom which will make you mighty for the Lord. The Light of Heaven will rest upon you and great wisdom given unto you and the angels of the Lord will serve you and you shall talk face to face, and they will let you know your work on the earth. You will have heavenly visions and you have a great work to accomplish on the earth, for the Lord has his eye on you from the days of your youth. You shall perform many mighty miracles for the Lord; you shall have power over the elements and the waves of the sea shall obey your voice and kings shall

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bow themselves before you. And the mighty on the earth shall be shaken by the mighty¹¹⁸ power of your words and many shall try to destroy you, but shall not be able to hurt you, and you shall bring many to the knowledge of the truth.

You shall return unhurt to Zion and see the Lord come in the clouds of heaven and you shall stand on the earth with your head as white as wool.

You shall have a numerous offspring and they shall become mighty men and women; and you will be blessed through your family and shall live in Zion and be numbered among the Lord's anointed and shall be a King and a Priest for the Lord and shall inherit an eternal Kingdom.

You shall come forth in the morning of the First Resurrection with your offspring. And now, brother, I seal all these blessings upon your head. And I seal upon you¹¹⁹ Eternal Life and principalities and thrones and the power and glory in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

A Patriarchal Blessing) given by Zebedee Coltrin 15 Oct 1878 in Spanish Fork on the head of Karen P. Hansen, daughter of Peter Andersen and Maren, born 3 Feb 1825 in Aggerup, Assens County, Denmark.

Sister Karen, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a patriarchal blessing. You are a daughter of Abraham, of the house of Joseph and of the line of Ephraim. I seal upon your head a father's blessing for you are entitled to all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant and if you will keep all¹²⁰ the commandment of the Lord you shall receive all the blessings of Eternal Life.

You were called and chosen of the Lord to come forth in this generation to help bring forth a righteous offspring to God's Zion. The blessings of heaven shall rest upon you and your offspring shall be numerous on the earth and your sons shall be great men in the midst of Zion and shall receive all the blessings of the Holy Priesthood and your daughters shall be women of great positions.

The Lord has honored you and your offspring, for you are of the pure blood of Jacob and have the right to all the blessings of the house of Joseph and there shall be¹²¹ no end to your offspring and the spirit of visions and revelations shall rest upon you and the Light of the Lord shall be within you. You will be blessed with the choicest blessings from heaven and earth and receive all the blessings given in the Holy Temple of the Lord. You shall be able to teach the daughters of Zion the principles of Eternal Life. You shall have wisdom to govern all matters in the absents of your husband and the angels of the Lord will serve you.

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You shall see the Lord when he comes in the clouds of heaven and you shall be numbered among the anointed of the Lord and shall be a Queen and a Priestess to your husband and you shall live on the earth as long as you desire and shall receive an eternal¹²² kingdom when the saints of former days shall come.

You shall come forth in the morning of the first resurrection. And now sister I seal all these blessings upon your head and all the powers and blessings of Eternal Life, of Thrones and Principalities and the Power and Glory in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

A Patriarchal Blessing given by Zebedee Coltrin on 15 Oct 1878 on the head of Caroline Hansen, daughter of Knud Jorgensen and Ane Marie Andersen, born 30 ? 1824 in Otrup, Denmark. Sister Caroline. In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a patriarchal blessings. You are a daughter of Abraham of the house of Joseph and a descendant of Ephraim.¹²³ I seal upon your head a father's blessing for you are entitled to all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant and if you keep all the commandments of the Lord, the spirit of prophecy and revelation will rest upon you for you were chosen by the Lord to help in the building up of Zion on the earth and your sons and daughters shall be like Olive branches around you and your sons shall go forth proclaiming the gospel and shall be Prophets and Apostles in the Kingdom of God and your daughters shall be foster mothers in God's Zion for your offspring shall be numerous in the midst of Zion and there shall be no end to their posterity.

You shall be on the earth to see the Lord come to his Temple and you shall live on¹²⁴ the earth as long as you desire in your heart. Great (?) shall be your prayers in heaven and you shall do a great work here on the earth for the living and the dead and you shall receive all the blessings of the Lord's Temple and have power to heal the sick and the angels of the Lord will assist you and get your heart to rejoice and you shall be filled with inspiration from the Lord and the blessings of heaven shall rest upon you, and you shall receive power from the Lord to overcome your weaknesses for the Lord has had an eye on you from the days of your youth.

The angels of the Lord rejoices because of your hearts sincerity.¹²⁵ You shall help your husband's wives to carry out his council while he proclaims the gospel to other nations and be able to receive an eternal inheritance and sit with your offspring.

You shall come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and be numbered among the chosen of the Lord.

And now, sister I seal all these blessings upon your head and Thrones and Principalities, Power and Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ, so it be, Amen.

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¹²³Page 123 Oct 1878, on original journal

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Patriarchal Blessing by Zebedee Coltrin on the head of Karen A. Hansen 15 Oct 1878

Sister Karen, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and seal a¹²⁶ patriarchal blessing upon you. You are a daughter of Abraham of the house of Joseph and the blood of Ephraim. I seal upon your head a father's blessing, you are entitled to inherit all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant and if you will keep all the commandments of the gospel the blessings of heaven shall rest upon you and you shall be filled with revelations from the Lord for you shall be a prophetess in the midst of Zion among the daughters of Zion and the desires of your heart — ?—, it shall be given you and they shall be numerous in the midst of Zion.

The Lord has remembered your prayers and will answer them and you shall receive all the blessings given to your husband's wives and you shall not be behind any of the daughters of Zion. You have a great work to perform here on the earth and the great Plan of Salvation shall be revealed unto you so you will be able to claim the¹²⁷ things of heaven pertaining to you.

You are chosen by the Lord and of the pure blood of Jacob and shall receive all the blessings of Eternal Life. You shall help with the redemption in your Father's house and shall perform a great work for the living as well as the dead and you shall be numbered among the anointed of the Lord and shall be a Queen and a Priestess to your husband and shall receive all the sealing powers and blessings of the temple of the Lord.

You shall see the Lord when he comes in the clouds of heaven and shall hear his voice from heaven and angels will talk to you face to face and the desires of your heart shall be given unto you and you may live upon the earth until your head is white as wool. It shall be given unto you to reign with the Lord a thousand years on the earth and you shall receive an Eternal Mansion when Zion returns.¹²⁸ And now, sister, I seal all these blessings upon your head and Thrones and Principalities and the power of the Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ. So it be, Amen.,

Spanish Fork, 18 Sep 1878.

A Patriarchal Blessing by Zebedee Coltrin on the head of Marie Sorensen, daughter of Peter Sorensen and Ane Elisabeth Vinkel (?), born 25 Aug (no year given) in Denmark. Sister Marie, In the name of Jesus Christ lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a patriarchal blessing. You are a daughter of Abraham of the house of Joseph and of the blood of Ephraim. I seal upon your head a father's blessing. You are¹²⁹ entitled to all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant and if you are humble before the Lord the blessings of heaven shall be poured out on you for you are chosen by the Lord to come forth in this Dispensation to help to bring forth a righteous branch of Zion and

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your offspring shall be numerous on the earth and shall receive all the blessings of the temple of the Lord and your sons shall be great men and shall perform a great work on the earth and shall be numbered among the anointed of the Lord and shall be Kings and Priests and your daughters shall be numbered among the noble women on the earth for the Lord has had his eye on you since your youth and will bless your offspring through all the generations for they¹³⁰ shall live on the earth when the Lord again shall reign in Zion and you are of the pure seed of Jacob and has the right to all the blessings of the house of Joseph, you shall be numbered among the anointed of the Lord and shall be Queen and Priestess to your husband and you shall receive all the blessings and endowments of the temple of the Lord.

You shall live as long as you desire and shall see the Lord when he comes to his Temple and the angels of the Lord will help you and you shall be filled with the wisdom of the Lord and shall perform a great work on the earth for the living as well as for the dead and the desires of your heart shall be given unto you and the Light of the Lord shall rest upon you.

You shall have faith to heal the sick and shall be prophetess among the daughters of Zion and shall receive an eternal inheritance with your husband with those of former days and great shall be the reward in heaven for you shall have the power¹³¹ to come forth in The Morning of the First Resurrection and be numbered among the faithful of the Lord.

And now, sister, I seal all these on your head and all power and Exaltation and Thrones and Principalities of Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ, so it be, Amen.

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A Patriarchal Blessing by Zebedee Coltrin upon the head of Marie Catharine, born 29 Sep 1819 in Denmark. Daughter of Peter Larsen and — Sister Marie. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a Patriarchal Blessing for you are a daughter of Abraham and of the house of Joseph and a descendant of Ephraim.

I seal upon you a father's blessing for you are entitled to all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant and if you will remain faithful to your God, the¹³²spirit of revelations and prophecies shall rest upon you.

You were chosen of the Lord to come forth in these latter days to help to bring forth a righteous branch in the house of the Lord.

Your offspring shall be numerous on the earth and your sons shall be mighty in the Lord to preach the gospel to the nations on the earth and your possessions shall be great in Zion and your daughters shall be numbered among the daughters of Zion and your offspring shall have no end and great shall be your reward in heaven.

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You shall perform a great work here on the earth, both for the living as well as for the dead and you shall be numbered among the anointed of the Lord and shall be as a Queen and Priestess to your husband and you shall be able to heal the sick and your reward shall be great in heaven.

The desires of your heart shall be granted unto you to know the will of the Lord concerning you for you shall have the blessings given to the daughters of Zion.¹³³

You shall see the Lord when he comes in the clouds of heaven. The power of darkness shall have no power over you for you shall be in your dwelling and rejoice with the saints of Israel. And the angels will protect you and your offspring through all generations on the earth and they shall see Zion being build in its purity and you shall be able to understand all the principles pertaining to the Eternal Life and the blessings of Sarah shall be given unto you and your offspring and you shall remain on the earth as long as you desire.

Your apprehension shall be expanded and you shall receive heavenly visions and shall receive eternal exaltation and your whole offspring shall be numbered among the pure of the Lord.

And now sister, I seal all these blessings upon your head and thrones, power and exaltation and the Eternal Life in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, so it be, Amen.

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A Patriarchal Blessing by Zedebee Coltrin on the bead of Maren B. Hansen, daughter of Jacob Bishoff and Ane Jorgensen, born 22 May 1833 in Denmark.

Sister Maren, In the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head and seal upon you a Patriarchal Blessing. You are a daughter of Abraham, of the house of Joseph and a descendant of Ephraim. I seal upon your head a father's blessing for you are an heir to all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant and if you will be humble and sincere to the Lord you shall receive all the blessings of the Eternal Life for you were called and chosen by the Lord to come forth in this generation to help bring forth a righteous branch in Zion, and you shall be blessed all your days on the earth and your offspring shall be numerous in Zion and your¹³⁵ sons shall be great in the Lord and your daughters shall be women of great respect and your reward shall be great in heaven and you shall receive great wisdom from the Lord and you shall know all things which are necessary to receive your exaltation.

You shall receive all the blessings pertaining to the sealings in the Lord's temple and you shall be a prophetess in Zion and shall receive heavenly visions and great shall be your reward because you have been obedient to the commandments of the Lord and faith shall be given unto you to heal the sick and you shall have power from the Lord to know and understand all the principles of the Eternal Life.

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Your joy shall be great in the Lord and you shall believe in the Holy One of Israel,¹³⁶ and your heart's desire shall be given unto you and you shall live as long as you desire on the earth and you shall see the Lord when he comes in the clouds of heaven, for the Light of the Lord shall be over you for you ---- ?-- with salvation and shall be numbered among the anointed of the Lord and shall be a Queen and a Priestess to your husband for the Lord intend to bless you that you may live long on the earth and you shall receive an eternal exaltation when the Old of the world shall --- ?-- You shall receive all the blessings of the house of Joseph and your generation shall multiply and there shall be no end to their generation.

You shall receive power to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and you shall be numbered among the pure of the Lord, and now sister I seal these¹³⁷ blessings upon your head and you to receive all the Power, Exaltation and Thrones and Principalities and Power of Eternal Life in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, so it be, Amen.

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A Patriarchal Blessing by Zebedee Coltrin on the head of Mette Marie H. Hansen, daughter of Hans Ditlev Hansen and Maaren (or Marie) Christine Jorgensen, born 29 Apr 1837 in Denmark.

Sister Mette Marie, I lay my hands upon your head and seal on you a Patriarchal Blessing for you are a daughter of Abraham of the house of Joseph and a descendant of Ephraim. I seal upon your head a father's blessing for you are entitled to all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant and if you will keep the command¹³⁸ of the Lord, the blessings of Eternal Life shall rest upon you, for you are chosen by the Lord from the Creation of the World to come forth in this dispensation to help bring forth a sincere branch of Zion and your children shall be numerous on the earth and your son shall be Prophets and Apostles and shall proclaim the gospel to the nations of the earth and they shall help to bless Israel when they shall come from the North and your daughters shall be women of high regard, for you shall be blessed all your days on the earth, and wisdom shall be given unto you and you shall be taught by the spirit of the Lord and shall be in possession of the Holy Ghost and you shall have inner peace for your heart shall rejoice in the Holy One¹³⁹ of Israel and you shall live on the earth as long as you desire.

The Lord remembers you for your heart's sincerity and you shall receive all the blessings given in the temple of the Lord and angels shall help and enlighten you about the things beneficial to your salvation.

You shall be numbered among the daughters of Zion and you shall have faith to heal the sick and shall perform a great work here on the earth both for the living as well as for the dead, and you shall remain here on the earth to see the Savior when he comes in the clouds of heaven.

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The desires of your heart shall be given unto you and you shall receive an eternal inheritance among the Old of former days and peace shall increase and you shall have power to come forth in the First Resurrection and shall be a Queen and a¹⁴⁰ Priestess to your husband and you shall stand in your place when the End comes for you shall help save the family of your Father.

And now, Sister, I seal all these blessings on your head and all Power, Exaltation and Thrones and Principalities and Power and Eternal Life in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Spanish Fork, 18th Sep 1878.

A Patriarchal Blessing given by Zebedee Coltrin on the head of Dorthe Kirstine J. Hansen, daughter of Peter Johnsen and Ane Dorthea Jensen, born 3 Mar 1843 in Denmark.

Sister Dorthea, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ I lay my hands upon your head¹⁴¹ and seal on you a Patriarchal Blessing for you are a daughter of Abraham and of the house of Joseph and a descendant of Ephraim. I seal upon your head a father's blessing for you are entitled to all the blessings of the New and Everlasting covenant and if you will be humble before your God you shall receive all the power and blessings of the Eternal Life.

You shall be in possession of the Spirit of the Lord which shall teach you his will here on the earth. You were chosen by the Lord to come forth in this dispensation to bring forth a sincere branch of the house of God. Wisdom shall be given unto you to understand and know the will of the Lord in all things and your offspring shall be numerous and shall be great in Israel and shall¹⁴² see the holy priesthood in its perfection and shall receive all the blessings which shall be given in the temple of the Lord. Revelation and the spirit of prophesy shall rest upon you and your offspring after you and you shall see the Lord when He comes in the clouds of heaven. Great shall be your reward in heaven for you shall be crowned among the Queens of Zion and daughters and you shall be numbered among the anointed of the Lord and you shall be a Queen and a Priestess to your husband and you shall help to save your Father's family and you shall be able to perform a great work here on the earth, both for the living as well as for the dead. You shall have power to heal the sick and you shall receive all the power and blessings which are given in revelations from Jesus Christ for you are of the pure blood of Jacob and entitled to all the¹⁴³ and enlighten your mind and shall get your heart to rejoice in the Lord and you shall have an eternal inheritance when the Lord again shall reign in Zion. You shall have power to come forth in the morning of the First Resurrection and shall be numbered among the pure of the Lord.

And now sister, I seal all these blessings on your head and Power and Exaltation and Thrones and Principalities and power and Eternal Life in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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They both emigrated in the year 1852 after having been members of The Church of¹⁴⁴ Jesus Christ of latter-Day Saints for one year. The baptism ordinances were performed by me, Jens Hansen on 15 Dec 1851 at Trøstrup Korup on Fyen. In Sept. 1878 Jørgen Knudsen paid me a visit, he was on a trip to visit his family, became sick during his stay with me and died after a few days sickness after I had blessed him and set him apart for his spiritual mission. He requested of me, before he died, that I would take upon me a father's obligation in regards to his youngest daughter. In earlier days, the same Jørgen Knudsen had requested to be adopted into my family, which is known by his sons. He was buried in my family burial place in Spanish Fork. I received from the Presidency an invitation to go on a Mission and was called to the same in the October Conference and prepared myself for the same. Attended the Conference where we received much good advice and I was set apart to above mentioned¹⁴⁵ Mission to Denmark.

19th Oct. I gave each member of my family a Father's blessing together with H.(?) Andersen and A. Svendsen, at that time I felt the Spirit of the Lord to a great degree. I also blessed my grandchildren, 4 in number.

The 20th. I attended a meeting and rejoiced in the companionship of my brothers and sisters for the last time and bid them a loving farewell. At 2 o'clock I went with my family and friends to the railroad station where they said goodbye. — arrived and attended the Scandinavian meeting in Salt lake City and I said goodbye to them.

I left for Ogden on the 21st and stayed there until the 22nd, on which day, I, with quite of few brethren who also were called to go on Missions left on our trip to Omaha. We arrived here after a 21/2 days trip by railroad (appr. 1030 miles), here I met two of my brethren from Utah who was working as missionaries. The 25th we¹⁴⁶ continued our trip via Council Bluff to Chicago where we arrived on the 26th, after 20 hours (abt. 492 miles).

The same afternoon we went through Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania to New York where we arrived in the morning of the 27th. We went to the Steven's House. (990 miles). It had been a pleasant and at the same time a fast trip. Our company now consisted of 14, namely: Jonas Halvorsen, Richmond; Chr. H. Mosen, Gustav Andersen, Hyrum, Anders P. Rose; Magnus Bergstrom, S. L. C., Joseph B. Elder, S. L. C., William England, Plain City; Hugh Findlay, Laek town(?); Peter Andersen, Elko, Ole Nielsen, Millville (?),¹⁴⁷ George B, Logan, Anders Hansen, West Jordan; Charles Andersen, Grantsville and myself.

We went aboard the steamship “Wyoming” 29 Oct. and left on Nov. 3^d, in between, several of us went sightseeing, among other things which we saw was the cemetery in Brooklyn with its many

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valuable statues and monuments, it was indeed an impressive sight. I also saw the now large suspension bridge. It was 330 feet above water, connecting Brooklyn with New York.

On the 15th we arrived at Queenstown which is located at the Irish Channel. We had a pleasant trip, a little disturbance when fire was discovered onboard, however, it was soon taken care of.

On the 16th a storm blew up against us and it took us a long time to reach Liverpool, which we, however, reached on the 17th, after about an 11 days fortunate trip, covering 3023 miles.

Brothers Budger Nicols and Neble received us on the ship and followed us to the¹⁴⁸ railroad station. We left Liverpool and arrived in Hull in the evening and went onboard the steamship "Sultan" (distance 102 miles). We left in the morning for Hamburg and arrived on the 19th after a pleasant trip. I was a little sick. We stayed most of the day in Hamburg and left in the evening at 6 PM by railroad and arrived in Kiel at 9 PM (80 miles). We went onboard the steamship the same night, the ship left at 12:30 AM and arrived in the morning (at Korsør) after a pleasant trip. We went by railroad to Copenhagen where we arrived at 11:30 AM (abt. 63 miles). We went to the office at Lorentzens street # 14.

On the 21st, In a meeting with the brethren, I was called to work in the Copenhagen Conference and on the same day I wrote and sent a letter to my family in Utah.

The 22nd, I attended a meeting, the first in a long time, and I bore my testimony¹⁴⁹ to the people. I felt that the spirit of the Lord was with me, so I was able to teach the people about salvation.

The 23rd. I spent the day here and used the time to meet with my brethren and we had our picture taken. All were here, including our President.

Sunday 24th. Attended two meetings, had the opportunity to preach the teachings of Christ in the first meeting. In the other meeting, spoke about America, our home, and the things we stand for. The people felt good.

Monday 23rd. Visited a lady who had washed my clothes on my first Mission. I desired to let her do it again. Talked to the people about God.

Tuesday 26th. I visited the saints and attended a prayer meeting in the evening I spoke and talked to the saints after the meeting.

Wed. 24th. Visited the people and bore my testimony.

Thursday 28th and Friday 29th (?) Attended meetings. Spoke, and the Lord was with me.

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Saturday 30th. Traveled 30 miles to Sorø and attended a branch meeting there on Sunday 1st December. Was set apart as a Branch President. Taught the saints and bore my testimony about the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. Walked 3 miles the same evening and held a meeting with Non-Members in the home of Hans Peter Boro, many non-members¹⁵¹ were present. And I felt the help of the Spirit to explain the work of God.

Monday 2 Dec. I walked 5 miles to Dorin-Mark and held a meeting in the home of Jeppe (a non-member). There were many good listeners present and we bore a strong testimony.

Tuesday 3rd. Walked 5 miles to Bransmark, talked to the people in the home of farmer Jorgen Hansen, they were good people, especially the wife. I spoke and bore, a good testimony and read for them from several places in the scriptures. They listened and we had prayer before we went to bed.

Wed. 4th. Stayed here and held a meeting with brother Christian Jensen from Mount Pleasant and Lars Peter Andersen. We had a good meeting that evening and the spirit of the Lord was with us. I talked about the duties we have as children of God. The meeting was held in the home of Niels Christian Sobyer.

Thursday 5th. Went 1 mile to Stokholmhusene to Bertel Petersen where we felt at home. Held a meeting with non-members in the home of Hans Hansen and we felt the¹⁵² spirit of the Lord was with us as we explained the teachings of Christ.

Stayed overnight in the home of a man who's wife had been a member of the Church and gave them some good counsel about the work of the Lord in these latter days.

Friday 6th. Walked 12 miles to Sandby and went with Jensen to Ringsted where he left us to go to Copenhagen. We stayed overnight in the home of a brother Himmert and I spoke to him about his duties.

Saturday 7th. Walked 2 miles to Glomsø where we stayed in the home of Hans Eriksen, a home teacher. We visited some saints who were weak in the faith.

Sunday 8th. Walked 5 miles and held two meetings with the saints in the home of Mads Christensen. I taught them about their duties and ordained him to a teacher. We held a meeting with non-members in Traeløse Mark and they were good people so¹⁵³ we bore strong testimonies.

Monday 9th. Walked 6 miles to Sandby Mark and held a meeting with non-members at Niels Hansen's place and I felt that I had the spirit of the Lord with me so I was able to explain the teachings of Christ to the people. I stayed in the home of Jens Rasmussen.

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Tuesday 10th. Walked 5 miles to Repmark and held a meeting with non-members and a strong testimony was given about the work in the latter days. I stayed with Henrik Petersen who believed in our gospel.

Wed. 11th. Went to Broby, 6 miles, to hold a meeting with saints and non-members. I stayed with a man who's daughter was a member and I was able to soften his heart.

Thursday 12th. Walked 7 miles and came through Sorø to Kørup Mark, held a meeting in the home of Johan Petersen. A good testimony was given to the people.

I was invited to stay in the home of a man from Langeland. They were good people.¹⁵⁴

Friday 13th. Walked 6 miles to Davinge Mark to hold a meeting which had been planned previously in a home of a brother. Quite a few people (Non-members) were present and I felt to teach them about the work of God and his Kingdom on the earth.

Saturday 14th. Held a meeting in a home of a cottager where quite a few non-members were present. I explained the teachings of Christ in its purity which was taught by the Lord himself in the old days, and the people felt good.

Sunday 15th. Walked 5 miles to Brandsmark where we held a large meeting in the evening with saints and non-members at Brother Moller's place. There were many present and it went well.

Monday 16th. Walked 5 miles to Sorø and from there to my brother-in-law, Lars Clausen, where I spent an enjoyable time, I bore my testimony to both of them.

I stayed here overnight and he invited me back.

Tuesday 17th. Walked 3 miles to Sorø where a meeting with non-members was held in the home of Brother Hans Petersen. A strong testimony was given about the work of God and the listeners paid strict attention.

Wed. 18th. Worked on financial records for the quarter and wrote three letters, one to W. Christensen, another to W. Winberg and one to my family.

Thursday 19th. Walked 5 miles to Franz Baer Ludvigsen in Nordrup, visited people on the way.

Friday 20th. Stayed here and visited the saints, held a meeting and a good spirit was present and the people felt good and a good testimony was given.

Saturday 21st. Walked 6 miles and held a meeting in a new place. The people were not quiet, but a good testimony was given. Hope that eventually will bear fruit.

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Sunday 22nd. Walked 6 miles to Rødmore, held a meeting with the saints. Set a home teacher apart. Walked 6 miles to Løve and stayed here.¹⁵⁶

Monday 23rd. Walked 6 miles to Christen Møllersvend in Slagstrup Mark to hold a meeting, but without success as the wife was against it. Stayed in the home of brother Lundquist in Slagelse Mark.

Tuesday 24th. Walked 14 miles to Halagermark and stayed with Folker Christensen.

Wed. 25th. Walked 3 miles to Erik Andersen Esholm and stayed there; his wife was my wife's aunt (Maren). They were very hospitable.

Thursday 26th. Walked 6 miles and held a meeting with the saints, walked to Neblerød, stayed in the home of Ole Rasmussen who's wife is an aunt to my wife, Maren.

Friday 27th. Walked 5 miles to Vollerup to Maren's mother, where we received a nice welcome. There was dancing and I stayed with them and they all felt good with my visit.

Saturday 28th. Stayed here and talked to my mother-in-law about the work of God and talked to the people.

Sunday 29th. Visited her daughter who lived in the town on a large farm. Held¹⁵⁷ meeting in the home of the widow of Svend Larsen. There were some saints and non members present and a strong testimony was given. I walked 7 miles to Halagermagle stayed in the home of Folker Christensen.

Monday 30th. Walked 12 miles to Traeløse and held a good meeting in the home of Hans Hansen, there were many present and I felt that I had the spirit of the Lord with me so I explained about the teachings of Christ and the people felt good.

Tuesday 31st. I stayed in Traeløse in the home of farmer Jens Rasmussen, the whole day was spent in discussing the work of God.

Jan 1st 1879. Walked 6 miles to Sandby Mark and held a good meeting and the people felt good, bore a strong testimony. I was invited to stay overnight in the home of the provision-dealer in Orsø and was well received.

Friday 3rd. Walked 4 miles to Broby where a meeting was planned and quite of few¹⁵⁸ people were present and a strong testimony given.

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Saturday 4th. Walked 7 miles to Odderup Mark and held a meeting in the home of Joh.Petersen; there were some good people present. Bore a strong testimony about the work of God.

Sunday 5th. Walked three miles to Petersborg Mark and held a meeting in the home of Brother Chr. Bingham, here I taught the saints. Held a large meeting in the home of Anders Olsen. The spirit of God was really with me so I was able to explain the First Principles of the Gospel and the people felt good. I stayed here.

Monday 6th. Walked 3 miles to Sorø. Wrote to my family.

Tuesday 7th. Walked 6 miles to Stokhusene and held a meeting for Non-Members. Stayed in the home of Chr. Hansen. His wife had been a member. They had little faith in our doctrine.

Wed. 8th . Walked 6 miles to Døring, held a meeting for non-members.

Thursday 9th. Held a meeting at Saltofte Mark. Walked 6 miles to Sorø.

Friday 10th. Visited Lars Clausen and walked 3 miles to Petersborg, held a good meeting with non-members.¹⁵⁹

Saturday 11th. Walked 3 miles to Borø and held a good meeting.

Sunday 12th. Held two meetings and ordained one person to the office of a teacher. Taught the saints about their duties. Rented a hall in Sorø for that purpose.

Monday 13th. Walked 6 miles to Borø and worked on financial records; held a good meeting in the evening.

Tuesday 14th. Walked 6 miles to Saltofte Holme and held a meeting in the home of P. Hansen. They were good people and a good testimony was given about the Godhead.

Wed. 15th. Held a meeting at Døiringe Mark. Wrote a letter to my family.

Thursday 16th. Walked 6 miles to Petersborg and held a meeting at Niels Christensen's place. There were a lot of people and a strong testimony was given. The people felt good.

Friday 17th. Walked 3 miles to Odderup and held again a good meeting. The people paid attention.

Saturday 18th. Walked 5 miles to Døiringe Mark and here, I again held a meeting where quite of few people attended, some Baptists, but they felt good and they said¹⁶⁰ that they had heard many of our people, but never felt so good before.

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Sunday 19th. Held a meeting with the saints and some non-members, some of the Baptists came back and felt good. In the evening held a meeting with non-members, quite a few were present and a strong testimony was given about the teachings of Christ. The meeting was held at Ole's place at Ydstrup Mark.

Monday 20th. Walked 6 miles to Stokholthusene and held a meeting in the home of Chr. Hansen. Several of the people who were present, believed.

Tuesday 21st. Walked 6 miles to Borohølme. There were many people present in the home of Hans Petersen. The people were very friendly and a strong testimony given.

Wed. 22nd. Walked 6 miles to Petersborg and held a meeting in the home of Peter Tømrer. A strong testimony was given about the work of God to a lot of people. After the talk a man stepped forward with a book by Michelsen, a book against us. I answered as follows: I know about him that he had been excommunicated. And this¹⁶¹ was also a testimony about the truthfulness of the gospel of Christ, as this was fulfilled. When a person has repented, the unclean spirits will leave and find no place and then it will come back and take another seven with it and it becomes far worse for that person than before, and that is what happened to him. In regards to polygamy I read from the 4th chapter of Esias which mentions that seven women shall take hold of one man, as a clear proof of that, and the people were satisfied. Talked about the laws of the church and the land.

Thursday 23rd. Walked 6 miles to Nordrup Mark and held a little meeting in the home of Frederik Ludvigden.

Friday 24th. Walked 5 miles, held a meeting at Hans Larsen's place in Lille Ebberup and bore a good testimony.

Saturday 25th. Stayed with Frans Ludvigsen.

Sunday 26th. Walked 12 miles to Saltbjerg Rødrose and held a meeting with the¹⁶² saints in the home of J. Jacobsen and from here walked to Kelstrup Mark to Hans Gregersen.

Monday 27th. Wrote a letter home. Held a meeting in the evening at Hans Madsen's place. There were quite a few people present and I talked quite a bit about America. Thereafter I told them about the gospel which Jesus taught and the people felt good. He asked me to come back.

Tuesday 28th. Walked 14 miles to Sørbymagle, stayed with Niels Larsen. Walked to my mother-in-laws, she was very cool. It was in the home of her daughter I stayed.

Wednesday 29th. We visited her and walked 8 miles to Folker.

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Thursday 30th. Walked 7 miles to Naestved and held there a good meeting in the home of P. Jensen, there were quite of few people present and they felt good and a strong testimony was given.

Friday 31st. Walked 10 miles to Rislev, held a meeting and bore a strong testimony in the home of H, Madsen. Walked the same night to Traeløse and stayed with Brother P. Nielsen.

Saturday 1 February 1879.¹⁶³ Held a good meeting at Traeløse Mark in the home of H. Andersen and some people were present. Bore a good testimony. Stayed with Jens Olsen.

Sunday 2nd. Held two good meetings with the saints and advised them about their duties. Held a large meeting in the home of farmer P. Christensen and bore a strong testimony-- they felt good.

Monday 3rd. Walked 6 miles to Sandby Mark and held a good meeting in the home of Chr. Hansen.

Tuesday 4th. Walked 3 miles to Ørsø. Held a good meeting at Chr. Hansen's place, there were quite of few people present and a strong testimony was given. I stayed at the provision dealer and there came many people to talk about religion.

Wed. 5th. Walked 4 miles to Broby and held a meeting.

Thursday 6th. Walked 8 miles to Sorø. Received letter from my stepdaughter and one from Chr. Jensen. Walked to Borøholm and held a good meeting.

Friday 7th. Walked 6 miles to Døirenge and to Brandsmark to bless a sister. Held¹⁶⁴ a meeting in the home of H. Jensen, the people felt good.

Saturday 8th. Walked around and talked to people, among them a cabinet maker from Sultofte Mark, who I convinced about the gospel. Held a good meeting that evening.

Sunday 9th. Walked 5 miles to Petersborg and held a good meeting with the saints in the evening in the home of P. Tomrer with Non-Members present. A strong testimony was given. The people became a little restless. I then walked 3 miles to Sorø.

Monday 10th. Walked 6 miles to Stokholshusene and walked around and talked to people. Stayed with Chr. Hansen.

Tuesday 11th. Walked 2 miles to Brandsmark and held a meeting.

Wed. 12th. Walked 3 miles to Sorø. Received a letter from my home, everything was fine.

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Thursday 13th. Walked 3 miles to Borøholme. Wrote to my family. Held a good meeting.¹⁶⁵

Friday 14th. Worked on finances and held a meeting in the home of the taylor in Krødrup Mark. The people paid attention.

Saturday 15th. Worked on finances and held a good meeting in the home of John Petersen that evening.

Sunday 16th. Walked 6 miles to Brandsmark and held a meeting with the saints. I taught them about their duties. The some Non-Members entered and I bore a strong testimony about the work of God.

Monday 17th. Visited some good people and held a meeting at St. Ebberup in the home of Frederik Nielsen. Walked 3 miles in a heavy snowstorm.

Tuesday 18th. Walked to Stokholshusene and held a meeting in the home of Hans Hansen, walked 2 miles.

Wed. 19th. Walked 12 miles to Petersborg. Held a meeting (large) in the home of P. Hansen. That night walked to Kordsholm and anointed a sick. Talked to some good¹⁶⁶ people.

Thursday 20th. Walked 6 miles to Borøholme and held a meeting in the home of H. Petersen.

Friday 21st. Walked 6 miles to Salttofte Mark and held a large meeting where I talked about the Millennium and the people felt good.

Saturday 22nd. Walked 5 miles to Petersborg Mark and held a meeting in the home of J. Frederiksen and the people felt good. From there, walked to Sorø.

Sunday 23rd. Held branch meetings. We had two meetings in which I taught the saints about their duties, as I am their branch president.

Monday 24th. Walked 5 miles and held a meeting at Niels Knudsen's place in Kragrup.

Tuesday 25th.

Wed. 26th. Stayed with Brother Hansen in Sorø and cut wood.

Thursday 27th. Walked 3 miles and held a meeting at H. Petersen's place in Borøholme.

Friday 28th. Walked 4 miles to Nordrup.

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Saturday Mar 1879. Walked 4 miles. Read in the Doctrine and Covenants.¹⁶⁷

Sunday 2nd. Walked 5 miles to Rødrose and held a meeting with the saints. Then walked 5 miles to Løve and held a meeting with Non-Members.

Monday 3rd. Walked 7 miles to Kelstrup and held a meeting in the home of carpenter, L. Hansen, the people felt good.

Tuesday 4th. Visited good people, among them two schoolteachers. They felt good and received a good testimony. Held a good meeting the same evening at J. Christensen's place. I was able to explain the teachings of Christ and about the Millennium here on the earth. There were some Adventists present, who believed that the Millennium was just spiritual, but I proved from the scriptures that it was natural.

Wed. 5th. Walked 19 miles to Hadagermagle.

Thursday 6th. Stayed at Folker Christensen's place and read.

Friday 7th. Walked 10 miles to Naestved and held a good meeting in the home of Poul Jensen.

Saturday 8th. Read and held a good meeting in the home of Niels Andersen.¹⁶⁸

Sunday 9th. Walked 16 miles to Traeløse and held two meetings with the saints, and one with Non-Members.

Monday 10th. Stayed here and held a meeting in the home of P. Christensen.

Tuesday 11th. Walked 5 miles to Sandby Mark and held a good meeting in the home of Niels Hansen.

Wed. 12th. Walked 3 miles to Ordso and held a meeting and spoke to quite of few good people about the work of God.

Thursday 13th. Walked 8 miles to Borøholme and held a good meeting.

Friday 14th. Worked on finances for that quarter and held a meeting in the evening.

Saturday 15th. Wrote a letter to my home, and some other letters. Held a meeting in Havrup.

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Sunday 16th. Traveled 12 miles to Kjelstrup and attended a meeting held by the Adventists, then held a meeting in the home of Lars Andersen, where quite of few people were present. Among them a schoolteacher. They all felt good and I opened up for questions, but none had any.¹⁶⁹

Monday 17th. Spoke to some good people and held a meeting in the home of P. Rasmussen.

Tuesday 18th. Held a meeting in the home of P. Christensen where I taught the people about their different duties and the people felt good.

Wed. 19th. (My wife gave birth to a son). Walked 14 miles to Nordrup and visited members on the way.

Thursday 20th. Walked 6 miles to H. Petersen in Borøholme and held a good meeting with good listeners. I taught them about their different duties.

Friday 21st. Walked 6 miles to Stokholshusene and talked to several about the work of God.

Saturday 22nd. Walked 5 miles to Doiringe and held a meeting with a family who had lost a daughter. I was asked to talk about that subject.

Sunday 23rd. Walked 5 miles to Petersborg and held a meeting, thereafter I walked to Borøholme where a meeting was held.

Monday 24th. Wrote several letters, walked 3 miles to L. Clausen, my brother-in-law, had a good talk with him and stayed there overnight.¹⁷⁰

Tuesday 25th. Remained in the area and stayed overnight in the home of Brother Hansen Sorø.

Wed. 26th. Walked 6 miles to Borø and held a meeting.

Thursday 27th. Held a good meeting and walked 5 miles to Ordsø.

Friday 28th. Walked 8 miles to Sandby Mark and held a good meeting. A schoolteacher was present. The people felt good.

Saturday 29th. Walked 5 miles to Træløse and held a good meeting in the home of H. Andersen.

Sunday 30th. Held a meeting in the home of H. Eriksen for the saints. I taught them about their duties. Walked 6 miles back to Træløse Mark and held a meeting in the home of Søren Andersen's widow.

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Monday 31st. Talked to some good people and walked 7 miles to Naestved and held a meeting in the home of L. Andersen. A minister was present. I stood up and gave a prayer and read from Paul's letter to the Galatians and then talked for about one¹⁷¹ hour, bore my testimony about the first principles of the gospel as taught by Christ and the apostles. I was able to present it in a clear way to the people and to explain the life of Christ. After I had finished the talk the schoolteacher asked what time in a person's life we should baptize. I answered that. But he became so impatient that he could not sit quiet nor would he give me a chance to talk. Finally he was quiet and I explained how we did it in Zion; how the children become members of the church.

The minister then stood up and warned the people against such teaching and mentioned that we taught and practiced polygamy. I bore testimony about how Jacob lived and that the Lord spoke to him and read the fourth chapter of Esaias. Then he got upset and said that this does not mean or refer to wives and that Jacob was punished hard for what he did, since he had sorrow because of his family and that¹⁷² he (the minister) did not desire to be in his (Jacob) place. And then he walked out with some of the people. He threaten me with his hand and said: You be aware of such false teachings. Some good people suggested that we should start singing. Then I talked some about Zion and everything went fine. Some of the people outside suggested that they should go inside and throw the people out, but since I walk around with the ribbon (Dannebrogs Kors). The cross of the Danish Flag, I think they were afraid as it seems that they have more respect for that ribbon than for the person. If this can send people to the Kingdom of God, then I am willing to use it, otherwise I am not proud of it.

Tuesday 1st April. I talked to several people, held a meeting at Ole Madsen's place. Here arrived the previously mentioned parish clerk and several others (who believed the same as he). After song and prayer I stood up and asked the people who were present to please stay quiet, otherwise it would be useless to be together. After¹⁷³ I had finished my talk I would be willing to answer questions in the proper order, namely that everybody talked for five minutes. Read Paul's 2nd letter to Thess. 2nd chapter wherein he mentions about the apostasy and referred to several other scriptures. I then read Paul's letter to the Eph. and proved what officers there should be in the church of Christ and their purpose. I explained this clearly to the listeners, bore my testimony about Joseph receiving revelations from God and that the priesthood was restored by John the Baptist. And that, that the apostleship was restored by Peter, James and John, the previous apostles who held the keys. Everything was completely quiet and the power of God rested on me so a powerful testimony was given. I was supported by A. Petersen and L.P. Hansen who was quietly¹⁷⁴ praying for me. Then we finished with song and prayer. Then a person stood up and claimed that he was willing to go along with my suggestions, but instead of asking questions he gave a long talk. At last he asked me to prove that God had commanded not to baptize children. I clearly proved that from the scriptures which teach that they should first have faith and repentance and this could not be done by infants. They started to make noises and then the parish clerk stood up and gave a long talk; then the first speaker asked a question

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about polygamy which I answered and showed from the bible, namely where Jesus said that all things shall be restored before his second coming, and that Jacob had four wives which can be¹⁷⁵ seen in Genesis, 29th chapter and other places; then I read the fourth chapter of Esaias. Now they started to tell us that was false doctrine. When I discovered that we were unable to quiet them down the brethren and I started to sing several songs really loud, among other songs no. 169 and the good people joined in so our voice overpowered theirs and, at last, after some mutual discussion our opponents left us and we then had a pleasant time together.

Wed. 2nd. Had time to talk to some good people. Held a meeting in the home of Niels Jensen. Quite of few people were present and some stood outside, among them a minister from, the parish, a Mister Munk, and the schoolteachers, Olsen, Nielsen and Olsen. After song and prayer I stood up and asked for their attention, read Paul's letter to the Galatians and explained clearly that there could only be one¹⁷⁶ true church and that had to be the one Christ and his Apostles were teaching. I spoke for a while and the congregation was quiet. Then the minister stood up and asked for permission to speak which was granted. He bore testimony about infant baptism and said it was good for people to confess their faith and then to go home quietly. To start discussion was not good for we know that this man is well versed in the scriptures and here are many who did not know much about it. Consequently, we could soon have some disturbance in spite of our freedom of religion. If there were some who desired to hear more they could stay, but he would leave us. But the schoolteachers were very troubled and the same was the previous mentioned speaker. They started to tear down our doctrines and did not give us an opportunity¹⁷⁷ to say anything. Some of our friends got tired and went home and at last we also got tired of listening to them. We started to sing song no. 169. and quite of few joined in with us. The remaining left us and finally everything became quiet and all went home.

Thursday 3rd. Walked 7 miles to Traeløse and held a good meeting in the home of P. Frederiksen, explained about the apostasy and about the way the priesthood was restored and the people felt good. After the meeting I explained how the gospel was preached to the dead.

Friday 4th. Walked 13 miles to Borøholme.

Saturday 5th. Prepared for a branch meeting. I have now attended 109 meetings, 5 in Copenhagen and 34 branch meetings.

Sunday 6th. Held branch meetings (conference) and held two meetings in which I taught the saints about their duties.¹⁷⁸

Monday 7th. I wrote to my home and several other letters. Held a little meeting in the home of I. Frederiksen at Petersborg Mark. Walked 5 miles.

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Tuesday 8th. Helped H. Petersen and held here a good meeting the same evening which was attended by some good people.

Wed. 9th. Walked 6 miles and visited saints and friends. Stayed with Chr. Hansen at Stokholmhusene.

Thursday 10th. Walked 6 miles to Doiringe and held a meeting with saints and some good people. Blessed 4 persons.

Friday 11th. Walked 5 miles to Bromme Grandskov and to Krødrup Oderup, held a meeting for some good people.

Saturday 12th. Wrote a letter home and walked 3 miles to Sorø and worked on finances.

Sunday 13th. Traveled 40 miles to Copenhagen and attended 2 meetings in which I was given the opportunity to speak and bore a strong testimony and the spirit of God was with me.

Monday 14th. Stayed here and visited several people, attended a meeting where the¹⁷⁹people enjoyed themselves dancing and playing.

Tuesday 15th. Visited some good people and attended a prayer meeting and I spoke and taught. I stayed with Brother Jensen.

Wed. 16th. Visited good people.

Thursday 17th. Visited people here in the city. Left Copenhagen with Pres. N.C. Flygare by boat to Aalborg where we arrived Friday 18th after a trip of 208 miles. We stayed in the office in Aalborg.

Saturday 19th. The Conference was opened and I taught the saints.

Sunday 20th. Held 3 meetings which were attended by quite of few saints and Non-Members. I got an opportunity to speak to them and a good spirit was present. We were 8 from Zion.

Monday 21st. Visited good people. There were quite of few of the saints belonging to the Choir and they treated us to chocolate and cake, and afterwards there was¹⁸⁰ a dance. It was most sisters who were present. I stayed with L. Andersen.

Tuesday 22nd. Visited good people among them P. Eriksen from Sundby. His wife is a sister to M. Vejle (?) who often visited us. I attended a meeting in which I taught the young brethren.

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Wednesday 23rd. Left Urbandsgade (street) no. 26 in Aalborg and went to Randers where quite of few saints were present and I spoke and they felt good.

Thursday 24th. Brother M.D. Jensen and I went to --- (?) and stayed in Winger (?), talked to several on the way.

Friday 25th. Walked to Lemming where I met my wife Marie's mother. She was ill but happy to talk to me and felt so good that she got up and we had an interesting¹⁸¹ conversation about the family. We stayed with farmer Soren Nielsen Holk, he was very helpful.

Saturday 26th. Walked to Silkeborg (I have now walked about 45 miles). Here I had the opportunity to talk to the saints. Went by railroad to Aarhus, about 60 miles and attended a conference.

Saturday 26th.

Sunday 27th. Attended 3 meetings in which I had the opportunity to speak and I taught that saints and a good spirit was present, we were 8 brethren from home.

Monday 28th. Attended priesthood meeting in which some good doctrines were taught. A meeting for the young was held in the evening and I spoke to them about the necessity of obtaining wisdom from above, about marriage and to seek the inspiration of the Lord in this matter. A little party was held in the evening where we were served.

Tuesday 29th. We left Aarhus and went by railroad to Fredericia and from there to¹⁸² the Island of Fyn (Fuen). I traveled together with Brother P. Frandsen. The walked to Svendstrup Station, Stayed with Brother Andrew Frederiksen. Walked 10 miles.

Wed. 30th. Went 20 miles on this trip. Visited the brothers of my first wife, one was living at Lille Sallerup (?), the other by Hesbjerg. Arrived in Odense in the evening and stayed at the church at Wendersgade no. 27.

Thursday 1st May. Visited another brother of Karen here in the city. He lived at "Første Trekbane" no. 1, the name was Tallruphus (the name of the house). Walked 12 miles to Ørslev and visited the saints on the way. They were very friendly. Stayed with my cousin.

Friday 2nd. Walked 10 miles to Tørresø, talked to old friends and relatives. We stayed with R. Hansen, my cousin.

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Saturday 3rd. Had a confidential talk with him. He promised me to send me our¹⁸³ genealogy for which I was willing to pay the expenses. We started on our way to Odense, walked 14 miles, and visited saints and friends.

Sunday 4th. Attended 2 good meetings in the chapel and I spoke to the upbuilding of the saints.

Monday 5th. Traveled 10 miles to Annebølle Mose where many people were gathered to hear me speak, since I, on my previous Mission had given many talks here.

Tuesday 6th. We traveled 26 miles to Nyborg where I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of saints and to speak to them.

Wednesday 7th. Bid Good-bye to Brother Frandsen and the saints in order to go back to my work. Traveled over water and land, about 87 miles, and came to Havrup Mark.

Thursday 8th. Worked on the finances for that quarter.

Friday 9th. Wrote to my home and held a meeting.

Saturday 10th. Traveled 45 miles to Copenhagen and attended the Conference that evening. There were some saints present and I gave my report.¹⁸⁴

Sunday 11th. There were three meetings held in which much good advise was given. I was also given the opportunity to teach.

Monday 12th. Held a priesthood meeting and I gave them some fatherly advise and taught them about their different duties. Attended a pleasant party in the evening.

Tuesday 13th. Visited good people and attended a prayer meeting where I bore testimony about revelation.

Wednesday 14th. Stayed here and attended priesthood meeting.

Thursday 15th. Wrote letters to W. Windbjerg and S. P. Stark.

Friday 16th. Stayed here and got the opportunity to speak to a large congregation at St. Regnegade (a street). There were good listeners and a strong testimony was given about how the church of God was restored in the latter days.

Saturday 17th. Traveled 37 miles to Sorø and made everything ready for the branch meeting.

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Sunday 18th. Held two meetings. Two teachers were ordained and I gave the saints much good advice and taught them about their duties. Then I walked 3 miles to Havrup Mark and held a meeting there.¹⁸⁵

Monday 19th. Wrote to my brother in Cache Valley and some others, talked to good people.

Tuesday 20th. Walked to Hans Olsen in Brandstrup, 7 miles, was well received and talked to his family and they felt good, he was not at home. I stayed here.

Wednesday 21st. Walked to J. Hansen in Munke Bjaergby, but was not very well received, he is a brother to my 6th wife, Maren. I then walked another 7 miles that day.

Thursday 22nd. We walked 7 miles to Kelstrup and held a good meeting in the home of P. Christensen, his wife belongs to the church (or believes in the gospel).

Friday 23rd. Walked 10 miles to Flækkebjerg. Stayed with Chr. Nielsen, his wife is a sister to my son-in-law Andersen.

Saturday 24th. Walked 6 miles to Høve to P. Jensen's widow and talked to several good people.

Sunday 25th. Held a good meeting in the home of L. Christensen. Walked 6 miles to Gjemling and was well received by P. Madsen, his wife is a sister to my wife Maren, I stayed here.

Monday 26th. Walked 6 miles to Hallagermagle and on the way visited Maren's Mother¹⁸⁶ and sister.

Tuesday 27th. Walked 12 miles to Traeløse.

Wednesday 28th. Visited good people, bore testimony about the work of God.

Thursday 29th. Wrote to my family, answering a letter I had received. Walked 6 miles to Ondsø. Stayed with P. Sorensen.

Friday 30th. Walked 5 miles to Sandby, talked to good people. Stayed with N. Hansen.

Saturday 31st. Stayed in the area.

Sunday 1st June. Walked 3 miles to Glumsø to H. Eriksen and held a good meeting. I then went to Aarsø where I taught the saints, quite of few Non-Members were present. I stayed with P. Sorensen.

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Monday 2nd. Walked 8 miles to Sandby Mark and held a meeting with N. Hansen, then walked to Træløse and held a meeting there, bore a strong testimony in both meetings. Stayed with P. Olsen.

Tuesday 3rd. Walked 6 miles to Brody, visited several good people. Stayed here.

Wednesday 4th. Walked 8 miles to Sorø. Received a letter from my home and from other people. Walked to Borøholme.

Thursday 5th. Wrote a letter to my home and several other letters.¹⁸⁷

Friday 6th. Walked 3 miles to L. Clausen and stayed there. They were very nice.

Saturday 7th. Walked 6 miles to Doiringe.

Sunday 8th. Walked 3 miles to Petersborg and held a meeting with the saints, then went to Havrup and held a meeting there, I then went to Sorø, 1 6 miles.

Monday 9th. Read some in the book about the life of Joseph Smith, walked 3 miles to Havrup.

Tuesday 10th. Worked on finances and wrote to W. Christensen.

Wednesday 11th. Walked 11 miles to Løve.

Thursday 12th. Walked 10 miles to Fugle. Attended a good little meeting with S. Nielsen together with Brother L. Moller.

Friday 13th. Walked 10 miles to Eskelbjerg Mark. Stayed with H. Jokumsen.

Saturday 14th. Walked 6 miles to Vindkilde by Adelsborg, attended a meeting where I had the opportunity to speak.

Sunday 15th. Walked 5 miles to Saerslev where two branch meetings were held, after the first meeting, Brother L. Moller and I went to receive my stepdaughter, but we did not meet her. She came however, at 2:30 during our meeting. I bid her welcome and then talked to the congregation about the work of God.¹⁸⁸ Explained the first principles of the gospel as taught by Christ. After the meeting we enjoyed some refreshments, and then I walked with her 6 miles to Gislingeegaarden. We talked about her parents how they became acquainted and also about their lives. Then we talked about how God has blessed people with polygamy. I then explained about my condition pertaining to this which was received with great attention. We had a pleasant conversation and I stayed there overnight.

Monday 16th. Talked and read each others letters. I showed her my whole family so we had a pleasant time together. I hope this friendship will last forever to the blessings for both of us. She

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followed me on the way about 6 miles and did not¹⁸⁹ become tired of the company of me and Brother Moller. We held a meeting in Skadsø with N. Andersen's widow. Walked 10 miles and I talked to some non-members and everything went fine.

Tuesday 17th. I went by train to Copenhagen, 48 miles.

Wednesday 18th. Wrote a letter and helped an old Lady who was going to travel.

Thursday 19th. I helped some people who were going to travel to Zion.

Saturday 21st. Spend the time helping them, some of them were my relatives.

Sunday 22nd. Talked to the saints and to some non-members in a large room and here were some brethren from home.

Monday 23rd. Some left. I stayed there to say goodbye.

Tuesday 24th. Stayed here and wrote some letters.

Wednesday 25th. Some of the brethren and I visited Rosenborg Castle and we went to Tivoli in the evening.

Thursday 25th. Wrote to Rose and attended a priesthood meeting. Received a letter from my home, notifying me that my son, Jens had died.

Friday 26th. Answered the letter and gave a talk the same evening to some people¹⁹⁰ in regards to the Church of God.

Saturday 27th. Traveled 42 miles to Havrup Mark.

Sunday 28th. Walked 3 miles to Sorø and held branch meetings two meetings were held. Received a letter informing me that my whole family were present to my sons burial.

Monday 29th. Walked 3 miles to Havrup Mark and wrote several letters.

Tuesday 1st July. Drove to get L.P. Andersen who was sick at his parent's place, about 11 miles, and then walked 3 miles to Sorø.

Wednesday 2nd. Used the day writing letters.

Thursday 3rd. Walked 9 miles to Lundquist at Slagelse Mark.

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Friday 4th. Walked 5 miles to Kelstrup, talked to some people about the work of God.

Saturday 5th. Stayed here and baptized a wife, Dorthe Kirstine Nielsen, born 15 Sep 1849 in Nesby by Stranden. She was baptized in Stillinge Strand. Her husband drove us 8 miles.

Sunday 6th. Traveled 14 miles to Sorø. Attended a party in the forest there in honor of the battle of Isted.¹⁹¹

Monday 7th. Walked 5 miles and spent the time by reading about the life of Joseph Smith, visited H. Petersen at Havrup Mark.

Tuesday 8th. Walked 9 miles and visited on the way my brother-in-law, L. Clausen. Came to Ordsø. Stayed with the Provision Dealer where I had the opportunity to talk to many people about the work of God.

Wednesday 9th. Walked 3 miles to Træløse and stayed with P. Olsen.

Thursday 10th. Walked 7 miles to Naestved and talked to many.

Friday 11th. Traveled 18 miles by railroad and then by steamship to Stege, here I met Brother C. R. Larsen. We visited some people, namely Caroline Hjort. I had some money for her from her mother. Then walked 3 miles and stayed with brother Sander.

Saturday 12th. Walked 24 miles to Nykøbing and met here some good members. A little room was rented and we stayed there.

Sunday 13th. Held a good meeting in which I taught the saints.

Monday 14th. Wrote to my home and several other letters.¹⁹²

Tuesday 15th. Because of the rain I stayed here and checked the records and learned about several things which I had done before. Among other things, that I had baptized Ane Kirstine Madsen who was born in Idestrup 8 Jan 1845 and baptized in Rørbek 5 Feb 1867 by J. Hansen, the same died 1 Oct 1867.

Wednesday 16th. Walked 5 miles to Vindinge. We stayed with sister Kagh.

Thursday 17th. Walked 19 miles to Blands. Stayed with sister G. Lorensen.

Friday 18th. Walked 14 miles to Nakskov, I walked then to Stokkemarke to visit my 8th wife's cousin; her name was Grethe. She appreciated my visit. I stayed with B. C. R. Larsen's father in Nakskov, and here I spoke to some saints.

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Saturday 19th. Walked 4 miles to Brother M. Poulsen in Branderslev, held a little meeting and spent a pleasant time with the saints.

Sunday 20th. Walked 12 miles to St. Lindet where we held a good meeting with the¹⁹³ saints in the home of Sister Jokumsen. I taught many good things.

Monday 21st. Visited several, walked 12 miles and drove 10 miles, came to Branderslev and held a little meeting here.

Tuesday 22nd. Walked to Nakskov and talked to some saints and to my present wife, Camilla (?) and then I visited my old companion in the war, namely R. L. Kea. I stayed there.

Wednesday 23nd. Went by steamship to Langeland, 12 miles. Then I walked 10 miles to Bøstofte where I met my mother-in-law and my sister-in-law, Chr. Madsen's wife. I was very well received.

Thursday 24th. Stayed here with H. Mortensen, an old companion from the war. Bore testimony about the work of God.

Friday 25th. Walked around and talked to several old acquaintances. Stayed with Chr. Madsen.

Saturday 26th. Bid goodbye to my relatives and friends and walked 10 miles and then ¹⁹⁴ went by boat, 12 miles, to Nakskov. Here I met some saints and had a good talk about the work of God. Stayed with Andreas Jensen who asked me to receive his children when they arrived in Zion, and this I promised.

Sunday 27th. Drove 29 miles to Nykøbing and attended a good meeting where I bore testimony about the work of God.

Monday 28th. Used the time to write letters, among them one to my family.

Tuesday 29th. Stayed here, read and wrote letters.

Wednesday 30th. Held a good meeting with the saints and some non-members.

Thursday 31st. Wrote several letters.

Friday 1st August. Walked 8 miles to visit members and some good people.

Saturday 2nd. Stayed here because of rain. Wrote letters.

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Sunday 3rd. Held two good meetings in the branch. I taught them about their duties, there were many good saints.

Monday 4th. Walked 7 miles and visited H. Knude and a woman who believed, she had¹⁹⁵ done a lot of good for the saints. This was in Toreby.

Tuesday 5th. Stayed here and held a good meeting in the home of P. Aersen (?). Many were present and I bore a strong testimony about the Kingdom of God. A good spirit was present.

Wednesday 6th. Traveled from Nykøbing to Naestved, went by railroad and by boat about 48 miles. Stayed with N. Larsen.

Thursday 7th. Walked 10 miles to Ordsø and visited several good people on the way.

Friday 8th. Walked 9 miles to Sorø. Received letter from my home which I answered at once.

Saturday 9th. Received two letters from my home and stayed here and wrote letters.

Sunday 10th. Held two branch meetings with the saints and non-members. I felt the spirit of the Lord was with me so I was able to bear a strong testimony.

Monday 11th. Wrote a letter to my daughter. Walked 10 miles and held a good meeting in Alsted. There were many non-members present and a powerful testimony was given to the people. They were quiet. I then walked with Brother Hansen to Sorø.

Tuesday 12th. Walked 18 miles and visited Svend Larsen's widow in Vollerup, from¹⁹⁶ there to Gimlinge to P. Madsen, my brother-in-law, to bid goodbye; then to Flakkebjerg to say goodbye to P. Christensen's family. From here to Skørpinge Mark. Stayed with Chr. Madsen.

Thursday 14th. Said goodbye to them and walked 9 miles to Halagermagle Mark and on my way visited my brother-in-law, Chr. Larsen in Vollerup and said goodbye to them and to my mother-in-law, H. Jorgensen's widows.

Then I walked to Søbyagle to meet another brother-in-law, namely N. Larsen. Was well received all the places, because I said Good-bye. Then to Brahenberg and from there to Erik Andersen. Stayed with Folker Christensen.

Friday 15th. Walked 10 miles to Sorø and on the way visited Maren's aunt in Niblerød and a member of the church, a sister, and bid her farewell.

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Saturday 16th. Walked 5 miles to Stokholthusene. Stayed with a farmer, bid farewell¹⁹⁷ to acquaintances.

Sunday 17th. Walked 7 miles to Doiring and held a good meeting with the saints and bid them farewell.

Monday 18th. Walked 11 miles to Nyrup Station and held a good meeting.

Tuesday 19th. Walked 6 miles to Gislingeegarden and had such a good conversation with my step daughter. I will never forget it. She went with me to Løvenborg.

Wednesday 20th. Walked to Rejstrup railroad station, but arrived too late, then walked via Nørre Bjaergløse, Ondløse, Stillinge Inn the 19 miles to Doiringe.

Thursday 21st. Walked to Sorø, received letters and wrote several letters, one to my home. Then walked to Havrup Mark, 12 miles to hold a meeting and bid farewell to the saints. I came back to Sorø the same evening. Stayed with H. P. Hansen.

Friday 22nd. Left Sorø for good after saying good-bye to saints and friends. Went¹⁹⁸ by railroad to Copenhagen, and went to Brother Jensen at Skindergade where I stayed to my departure.

Saturday 23rd. Stayed here.

Sunday 24th. Went with some saints to Bloated and held a meeting in the Branch with Brother H. Petersen. Here I had the opportunity to talk twice to the saints. Went to Copenhagen after having completed a trip of 25 miles. When we arrived, my daughter was there to bid me farewell. We went together to the meeting hall where I had the opportunity to talk to the saints. Later, spent a pleasant evening with Brother Jensen.

Monday 25th. We went to get our pictures taken, I then took her to the Railroad Station where we said good-bye to each other. Wrote home.

Tuesday 26th. Stayed here and wrote several letters to my relatives. Said good-bye and went to a meeting where I gave the saints some good advise.

Wednesday 27th. Continued my writing by answering some letters.¹⁹⁹

Thursday 28th. Made preparation for my departure.

Friday 29th. Did the same, and bid farewell to the saints.

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Saturday 30th We left Copenhagen together with some saints who were going home, arrived at Hull September 3rd after a trip of 690 miles. We stayed onboard until the 4th. We continued our trip to Liverpool where we arrived the same evening, 102 miles by railroad. We went at once onboard the steamship "Wegiome." The 5th, each one of us got our assignment and my responsibility was to take care of the saints from Copenhagen district.

September 6th At 2 PM we started our trip and went 240 miles that day. Went 334 miles the next²⁰⁰ day (Monday to Tuesday) and 278 from Tuesday to Wednesday. The next day went 332 miles and on the 11th 342 miles, to Monday 342 miles. On Monday we went 147 miles to New York.

Tuesday 16th. By boat.

Wednesday 17th. Stayed at Castle Garden until 6 PM. We left New York on the 17th and arrived home on Thursday 25th. All was well with my family.

I held about 194 meetings on this Mission. I attended Conference at Great Salt Lake City. I was set apart as the president for the quorum of Deacons and took my place as President for the Danes.

Now I began to work for myself. My stepdaughter became a member of the Church of²⁰¹ Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on 28 Oct 1879 and arrived here on 30 July 1880 together with sister Marie Kirstine Rasmussen and Brother L. Møller from Schleswig-Holstein.

Sept. 25th. Arrived sister Camilla Larsen Kaare from Nakskov.

On 4th Nov 1880. Were Marie Kirstine Rasmussen and Camilla Larsen sealed to me as my wives. Amen.

8th Jan 1881. Was set apart as a Missionary in Utah county. Started in "Pesien," I was in "Pontoun" next in Spanish Fork and then in Springville. I felt the power of the Lord in rich abundance.

Sunday 17th. Attended 3 meetings in Provo where I spoke in Danish about the subject "Family." I felt the spirit of the Lord was with me in all the meetings.²⁰²

Tuesday 19th. Gathered my family together, since my oldest son was going back to his Mission in Arizona. First we had a meal, then I called my family to order and we sang a song. I expressed my feelings to them and felt it was my duty to give my son a Father's Blessing. He had not been home when I gave my other children a blessing prior to my departure on my Mission to Denmark. Gave Joseph an opportunity to speak, and he gave us much good advise, and he was able to do it in the

²⁰⁰Page 200 Sept 1879, on original journal

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Danish language.²⁰⁵ He said that it may be a long time before we again would be able to meet, perhaps not in this life. He thanked his parents and brothers and sisters for the goodness they had shown him this winter. He rejoiced that the Gospel was in this home and mentioned that it was a blessing to have faithful parents and that it was the duty of the family to listened to their advise. But without each of us doing our duties we would not be able to receive our exaltation. Then he talked for quite a while in the English language and gave us the same good advise. Among other things, the necessity of not being self-centered and to see that everybody is taken care of in regards to food and clothing. This, he himself has noticed with people who is engaged in the United Order. We should not be jealous for that is very dangerous and will²⁰⁶ be the downfall of people. It is difficult enough to be separated from relatives and friends, but that is nothing compared against doing the wrong things and to be lost forever. This separation is only to do the will of God, however if we transgress the laws of God that will bring upon us eternal damnation and when we stand before the judgement bar of God and it is said to part of the family “Come here ye blessed and inherit the Kingdom” and to another part of the family “Get away from me.” Consequently, true and sacred principles. I have heard the prophet B. Young say that many Mothers would give 1000 of worlds to get the opportunity to live their lives over again, since they had failed to train their children to live the commandments of God.²⁰⁷ After several good remarks he concluded his talk by asking the Lords's blessing upon all of us.

Then my son-in-law I. Andersen stood up and said that he was in agreement with Joseph and that he always has felt good towards him. Then my second son-in-law, my brother-in-law and Joseph's father-in-law spoke and said that is was sad for the parents to be separated from their children, but it was a real comfort to them when the knew that they were living the gospel. His wife did not attend our meeting. Brother Svendsen mentioned that it was very important to remember the good advise given by this young man. He was happy with the choice of his daughter. By choosing a good husband and leader, a separation is not bad when it is to serve²⁰⁸ the Lord. He hoped that she would be just as obedient to her husband as she had been to her parents. He asked the Lord to bless all of us.

Then I stood up and expressed my appreciation and asked my family to prayer for me to the Lord, while I performed this high and sacred duty. I then laid my hands upon the head of my son, together with Andersen and Svendsen and sealed upon him a father's blessing that he should be a father and a Patriarch to countless descendants and be among the first on this earth to enter the Temple of the Lord to perform ordinances for many of our deceased relatives. And to be an instrument to perform a great work among the people on the earth and to bring many souls into the Kingdom of God. And to rejoice with the faithful in the morning of the resurrection; and there be together with family and relatives and be a leader of²⁰⁹ a numerous family. I feel as your father to seal you until Eternal Life to

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be crowned with a celestial crown and to receive all the blessings of the faithful which I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

I then laid my hands upon the head of my son's wife for also to give her a father's blessing, according to the desires of her father and bestowed upon her many blessings, according to her faith, among several, that she would be obedient to her husband²¹⁰ and be a mother to her children and family and that she may not be jealous and that she may receive all the blessings of a faithful woman. Then A. Svendsen laid his hands upon the head of his daughter, Joseph's second wife, that she would be mother of fine spirits and he asked the Lord to protect her and that the blessings of the Lord may be hers.

Then I laid my hands upon the head of my son, Esras and likewise gave him a father's blessing and asked the Lord to be with him since he was sick. Likewise, I blessed my stepdaughter, Teodora, which she had asked me to do and her father and I felt it my duty to ask the blessing of heaven to be giver to her. That she should find a husband that would be a leader for time and all eternity and²¹¹ that she would be a mother in Israel to pure souls and to receive her exaltation and stand crowned with celestial souls and to receive all the blessings which belong to the saints.

We then concluded with prayer. On the 20th Joseph left with his family.

I continued my Missionary work in the different places, Pleasant Grove, American Fork, Mountainville, Lehi, Cederfort, Gosen, Santaquin and Springville and I was well received all places and felt that the spirit of the Lord was with me in rich abundance. Because of that and my calling I was able to speak the English language. During the year I was released from my Mission.²¹²

On 20th April 1882 my wife, Camilla died, she was born Larsen. She had given birth to a son 9 days earlier. The son died 29 July, he was named Jens Emanuel L. Hansen. This was a great loss to me because she was a good wife to me.

On 29 Mar 1884 I was set apart as one of the presidents of the 19th quorum of Seventies. After the dedication of the Logan temple in May, I was invited to sit with the seventies all three days. Had a Mission in Sanpete County together with President B. Young to reorganize a new quorum of seventies. I had the opportunity to speak to different congregations and I felt the spirit of the Lord. I made an effort to do my duties, both in my home as well as outside and apparently, I was blessed for my work. On 4 Feb 1885, I left my home to go to the Logan Temple to work for my²¹³ deceased ancestors and to visit relatives and friends. In this work I felt that the spirit of the Lord was with me, giving me a better understanding and a great joy. And to look ahead, despite the plans of our enemies to place us in bondage. I was informed that my name was submitted to be considered to go on a Mission and I started to prepare my thoughts for that. The work I did in Logan is all recorded in the first book.

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²¹¹Page 211 Jan 1881, on original journal

²¹²Page 212 Jan 1881, on original journal

²¹³Page 213 Feb. Mar 1885, on original journal

After having done the work in the Temple I began the trip home and made a visit in²¹⁴ Bear River with friends and relatives, together with part of my own family.

On 2 May 1885. I was called to a Mission in Scandinavia for the third time. The first time 22 May 1865, the second time 10 Oct 1878. The Lord has helped me to do my duty and I hope He will also help me this time. The Apostle, Erastus Snow sealed upon my head that I should have the spirit of the Lord to witness for me and to protect me from dangers and to help me to do a good work and that I should come home and enjoy many good days with my family in my old age.

I got permission to stay in my home for some time to take care of some business.

On 22nd May, my children surprised me with a party. My son-in-laws and my grand children²¹⁵ were also present at the nice table and this was a large gathering. I was touched and expressed my appreciation for the honor. It was really a great sight to see such a large family around the tables. The tables contained the good things of life and the spirit of eternity was present. After enjoying the meal I said good-bye to every one of them.

On 24th, I gave a farewell talk in three different meetings and I felt that the Lord was with me.

On 25th, I fasted and asked the Lord for guidance and called my whole family together to set them in order according to the will of the Lord. I asked that the spirit of the Lord would be with me for this was important. And I felt that the Lord heard my prayers for my family felt that I had the power of God with me even more than usual. After having finished my talk I laid my hands upon the ones who had not previously²¹⁶ received my blessing. During this I felt the power of God assisting me. We then enjoyed a lovely meal and I said warmly good-bye to the ones who lived on both farms.

On 26th May 1885, I bid farewell to my home in Spanish Fork and went by railroad through Spanish Fork (Canyon) almost to Denver. Came to Green River where I met Brother (Reodvug ?) who was traveling for the same purpose. We saw many beautiful mountains among others, one on which the railroad was running on the top. The train went like a snake. On the top of the mountains was snow and a lot of timber and here we went through a tunnel. We also went through canyons so narrow that we barely could make it, and we were unable to see the top. We did not reach good land until²¹⁷ near Kansas; here was good land and fields and forests. We saw several places with one foot of deep soil. There were some kind of rocks (white) in several layers which was broken up for use on the roads. We met crowds of hogs, most of them black and we saw black cows without hair and we also saw quite of few black people. One of the wagons in the train was for serving food. Here were black servants who were dressed in white. We saw so many changes on this trip. When we came to the Atlantic Ocean we saw white people dressed in black, and when we came to Hamburg on our way to

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Copenhagen we had²¹⁸ women to serve us. I have several of my relatives buried in Kansas, but I was unable to recognize their burial places for the town had grown so much so it was unrecognizable from the time in 1854 when we were there. Then there were only few houses, now it was one of the biggest cattle states. We stayed in Chicago one day and came to New York Sunday night.

Monday 1st June, we looked at the city and bought a ticket to Liverpool and went onboard “Wisconsin” which left the morning of the second. On this trip we saw quite a few Icebergs but we then went father south than usual so the trip was 3005 miles. Came to Liverpool the 13th. Had a very pleasant trip despite I had none to talk to except the Lord. I felt very humble and bore my testimony to several. I was received by the brethren in the office and stayed here until the 23rd. Partly in the office and partly with a man who’s brother lives in Provo. He was very hospitable²¹⁹ and I bore my testimony to him and his family and I spoke often in meetings and felt very humble, but the Lord was with we.

I had a pleasant trip to Hamburg and came to Copenhagen 27th June. Here I was warmly received by the brethren. Attended several meetings and spoke the first Sunday an how to enter into the Kingdom of God and the spirit of God was with me, so I was able to explain about the doctrine of Christ. All the time I had a humble desire to bring souls into the Kingdom of God which was the reason why I was here. I prayed often in secret both for myself and my family that we all could remain faithful so we could be together hereafter in joy.

I was assigned to work in Aalborg district, but received permission to visit the islands. Due to circumstances this was changed and I was to become the president on the island of Fyn. On the trip there I made a visit in Sorø and was warmly²²⁰ received at Martha's parents. I arrived in Odense 10 July and stayed here at the office. Wrote home and held a branch meeting on the 12th.

I spoke and we held two meetings. I received the books as president and later walked to the plains (Sletten) and held a good meeting in Øritslev. I helped Hans Knudsen to get his hay in house and with some other things. Went by train to Odense and held a meeting on Sunday 19th July. Later walked with Brother Marqvardsen to Fangel to visit some good people who lived in the home of the carpenter Lars Chresten Hansen. The next day we walked 3-4 miles and talked with people about the work of God. We came to Brother Emil Jensen where we were well received. The next day Brother Marqvardsen went to Jylland and I went to Annebøllemose where I was warmly received by old acquaintances as I had previously preached the gospel here.

Friday I bought a ticket to Odense and held two good meetings on Sunday. Spent²²¹ some time writing and reading. Read the Doctrine and Covenants clear through and part of the Book of Mormon. Bought a ticket to Kappedruse and went to Rorslev and stayed in the home of Brother Knud Jensen. The next day I walked to Rasmus Hansen in Tørresø and on the way I spoke to several relatives of

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Caroline. The next day I went to Hasmark and helped Peder Ovesen in the field and we had a good discussion. I stayed here overnight. The next day I visited watchmaker Jensen for a long time. We had a discussion which lasted the whole day. Apparently, he could not be tired of talking about the work of God. I was the first to bear my testimony to him more than 30 years ago and also the last in this life, he was born 22 Jan 1816 in Bredstrup Mølle and died in Otterup Mark September 1885.²²²

Saturday 1st Aug. Came to Ørritslev in the evening.

Sunday 2nd. Held two good meetings. I worked this week for Hans Knudsen.

Thursday 6th. Held a meeting and baptized the girl, Maren Andersen the daughter of Anders Rasmussen and Karen Sorensen, she was born 9 may 1860. She was confirmed the same evening.

Saturday 8th. Held a large meeting for non-members and the spirit of the Lord rested upon me, so I was able to bear a strong testimony.

Sunday Morning 9th. I took the train to Odense where I held two good meetings. This week I spent reading, answering letters and work with the books and I visited non-members.

Sunday 16th. I held branch meetings. Three meetings were held and the District President, Christiansen was present and I was sustained as Branch President by the congregation. A child was blessed. We spent a pleasant week together. This week was also spent reading the bible and to visit members and friends.

Sunday 23rd. Held two good meetings and spoke and bore testimony of the gospel.²²³ Took a trip to Ørritslev to help Hans Knudsen with his harvest and used the opportunity for several days to talk to Jorgen Christensen about the work of the Lord. He admitted this was very important and promised to get me my genealogy. Held a meeting with non-members and I spoke to some attentive people.

I then went by train to Aarhus where I arrived Saturday 29th. I attended priesthood meeting and three meetings during Sunday. I got the opportunity to speak in all four meetings and felt I had the spirit of the Lord with me. Spent a pleasant time talking to relatives and friends and got the opportunity toof my family's salvation. My District President remarked that if I did nothing else on my Mission this would have been worth it, but I still hope to be able to do more.

After coming back to Odense, I received a letter asking me to come to Lille Hille by Bogense to administer to a sick brother. I then went to Kattebjerg and administered ²²⁴ to a sick sister. I stayed there overnight and then went by train to Kappendrup and went to Brother Knud Jensen in Roerslev and spent a pleasant time with them, talking about the gospel. Went by train to Odense 4th Sept.

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Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th. I fasted and prayed a lot so I could be able to influence people and bring souls into the Kingdom of God. And also, that I would be able to heal people since I had been asked to administer to a woman who desired to be healed and she would then like to be baptized. Held two good meetings.

Monday 7th. Visited first the sister of Karen who promised to get me the genealogy.

Wednesday 9th. I spent in fasting and prayer again and to read and write.

Thursday 10th. I took the train to Nybørg and held a good meeting there and spoke and bore testimony to another of Karen's sisters who apparently was interested in our doctrine. I gave her several of our pamphlets which she promised to read and carefully consider. We had also exchanged several good letters and she had also promised to get me her sister's genealogy.²²⁵ Went by train to Odense and held two meetings and spent the time studying the scriptures and to visit with the saints and other people. I was also working with the books.

Sunday 20th. Høls Branch meetings and held three other meetings. Brother Mortensen from Horsens attended our Branch meetings. Three brethren were ordained to the Priesthood, one to the office of an Elder and two to the office of Priest. The spirit of the Lord was over us in rich measure. Much good advice was given.

Monday 21st. Brother Mortensen left on Tuesday and I answered some letters.

Wednesday 23rd. I went to Sletten to visit members and friends.²²⁶

Friday 25th. We held a good meeting in which the spirit of the Lord rested upon the whole congregation and some paid close attention. I hope that they will come forward and join the Church in the future.

Saturday 26th. I walked three miles to Odense after having had a good discussion with watchmaker Jensen's widow and daughter about the gospel.

Sunday 27th. Held two good meetings in which I told the saints about their duties and talked about the foundation of the gospel. I proved the apostasy and the restoration in the last days. Brother Herman Lohdefink and I spent the time to write in my journal and to visit the saints. Held a meeting in the home of Brother Olsen on the 30th in the evening and likewise on the 1st of October in the chapel.

On the 6th. I walked to Braaby to bless sister Birgitte Hansen. She wanted to be sealed to her husband who was deceased and desired that Jens Bricklayer and wife should perform the ordinances for them in the Temple. She was born 10 Feb 1813 in²²⁷ Lumby and Baptized 17 Sep 1863 in Braaby

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by R. Petersen. Jorgen Christian Andersen is born 25 June 1802 in Uberud, died 12 Aug 1871 in Braaby. Died as a member of the Church.

7th. Went by train to Otterup and held a meeting in Ørritslev for saints and non members.

Bought a ticket on the 9th to Nakskov where I was well received by father and mother-in-law.

On the 10th. My father-in-law drove out into the countryside to visit a farmer by the name of Wilhelm Hansen who had been in America, he and his wife were very interested in our doctrine. Therefore, we had a very good discussion about our religion.

11th. Both of my brother-in-laws and two young girls drove to Store Lindet where a branch meeting was held. I had the opportunity to bear my testimony strongly.

On the 12th. Held a large meeting for non-members where I bore testimony for some interested listeners.

13th. Went by train to Søllested and walked from there to Stokkemark to visit some²²⁸ of my relatives, Ane Margrethe Christensen, but she had moved to Steenkiste Mose by Kjellernaes. Consequently, it was necessary for me to walk back to Søllested. There was a party prepared in Nakskov celebrating my birthday. Had a pleasant time singing and talking to relatives and friends. My father-in-law and I visited several of the citizens of the city and got an opportunity to bear my testimony to several.

On the 16th. I went to Langeland and stayed with Brother Christensen. Visited several good people.

On the 17th. Held a meeting in the home of Jens Kjaer.

Sunday 18th. Came to Svendborg and talked to people about the work of God and came to Odense in the evening.

Wednesday 21st. Went to Kerteminde together with Brother Jorgensen and got to talk to the saints twice and bore testimony in the evening to a group of interested²²⁹ people. I felt the spirit of the Lord was with me, so I was able to explain the principles of the gospel. I spent the time writing letters and to send the magazine "Stjernen" to some. Held a meeting on Thursday 29th in the evening.

On the 30th. Went to Aarhus to attend a Conference, which started on the 32nd with a meeting.

Sunday 1st Nov. Had three meetings and Monday 2nd two meetings.

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I had the opportunity to speak in the meetings. Thursday evening I spoke in a large meeting, consisting of saints and non-members about the teachings of Christ. And they listened very well.

I spent this week visiting relatives and friends and went to Ormslev.

Saturday the 7th. Attended Priesthood meeting and on Sunday attended three branch meetings where I also had the opportunity to teach the saints about their duties. On Monday I bid farewell to relatives and friends and went by train to Strib and visited a sister, I walked from here to Brother Hansen in Middelfart and stayed there.

Tuesday I visited some good people and walked to Bubbelgaard and visited a man who's daughter lives at our place and stayed there overnight.²³⁰

On the 11th. I came to Brother Emil Jensen Gasbølle and had a good meeting. The 12th I visited some good people and had the opportunity to bear testimony about the gospel. Took the train to Odense, attended a good meeting in the chapel in the evening. I spoke to the congregation.

Sunday 15th. Held two good meetings in the Chapel, spent the time answering letters and by sending out "Stjernen" (a Church magazine). Held a meeting on Thursday 19th and another two on Sunday 22nd where I taught the saints about their duties and bore my testimony to visitors. Then went on a walk to Sletten where I had the opportunity to talk to old friends about the work of God. Held a good meeting in Ørritslev where I spoke to some attentive listeners about the teachings of the gospel. Came to Odense and held three good meetings in the branch. They were well attended by the saints and visitors and the spirit of the Lord was there, so we spent a pleasant time by talking about the work of God. This was on the 29th of November.

On the 1st Dec I wrote a letter to the Scandinavian saints in Spanish Fork where in I taught them about their different duties. I spent the time answering letters. Held a meeting on Thursday evening, the 3rd Dec.²³¹

The 6th I went to Fredericia to meet Brother Mortensen and we held two meetings where I had the opportunity to speak about the work of God and the spirit of God was with me so I was able to clearly preach the teachings of Christ.

The 7th went back. Held a meeting on the 10th in the evening in the chapel. On the 13th two meetings and the 17th one meeting and on the 20th two meetings. Our meetings were now better attended because of the invitations by the brethren and I felt that the Lord was with me with his spirit so that I was able to present the teachings of Christ to the people.

The 24th Christmas Eve, and the 25th, Christmas day we held meetings and had a good attendance.

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26th. Took the train to Bredemose and held a meeting with visitors and bore a strong testimony about the first principles of the gospel and held a meeting in the evening with the saints in Gasbølle Mose.

27th. Held two meetings in the chapel.

On the 31st. One meeting in the branch.

On the 7th. held one meeting.

On the 14th. Held one meeting.

On the 17th. Held one meeting. On the 17th two. While I was talking came a Police officer and wanted to talk to me. I went outside with him and he asked me if I was an American citizen. I answered no. He then asked if the two on the stand were American citizens. He said he wanted to talk to them and when they said that they were American citizens he asked them to follow him to the police headquarters. After the meeting he came back and demanded that I followed him to the station. All three of us were now there and I was called into another room by myself and asked several questions which were written down.

The first question: When and where were you born?

Answer: in Otterup, 13 Oct 1823.

Second Question: When did you receive the order of the Danish flag? I was a sergeant in 46 and later a Master Sergeant and commander and was in the war all the time and for bravery in the battle of Dybbøl on June 5th. For that I received this honor.

Third question: When did you receive this doctrine?

Answer: Right after my release.

Fourth question: When did you go to Utah?

Answer: 1854.

Fifth Question: When did you come back?

Answer: 1865.

Sixth question: How long did you stay here?

Answer: Until fall of 1867.

Seventh question: When did you come back the second time?

Answer: In the fall of 1878.

Eighth question: How long did you stay here?

Answer: ²³² Fall of 1879.

Ninth question: When did you arrive the third time?

Answer: 1885.

Tenth question: Then you must be an American citizen?

Answer: There has always been Danish blood in my veins. He added that this is probably why I was not an American citizen that I had received the Danish honor. The reason that I had rejected being an American citizen was that they had taken away my rights, because I obeyed the laws of God.

21st. Held a meeting. On the 24th held two and on the 28th one. On the 32st two. On the 4 Feb one.

7th. Held three meetings in the branch. On the 11th came the police officer and desired to have my letter of authority (call) but when he was unable to read it he asked for permission to take it with him. We had a long discussion about our people. He mentioned that Brigham Young was a very wise man, so I took the opportunity to bear a short testimony. We held a meeting the same evening. On the 12th a police officer came back with my letter of authority and asked me several questions. He recorded my name in a record with the right to vote.

The 14th Feb held two meetings. A police officer asked Brother Jens Andersen from²³⁴ Fountain Green to meet at the police headquarters on the 15th at 9:30. He immediately was considered for deportation and came here at 2 o'clock with an officer to start packing his belongings. In the evening all the saints were gathered in the chapel in Odense to say good-bye to him, he left the same night at 2 AM to go to the border with the officer.

Wrote a letter to my family on the 18th and held a meeting in the evening on the 21st. Held two, on the 25th. Held one on the 28th. Two on the 4th of March. One on the 7th. On the 14th held three meetings in the Branch. Wrote a letter to my family on the 18th and a letter to the saints in Nybørg. Held one meeting.

Held a meeting on the 21st. One on the 25th. Two on the 28th. One on Apr. 1st. Two on Apr 4th. One on the 8th. Two on the 11th. One on the 15th.

On the 18th. Held four meetings in the branch and the spirit of the Lord was over us, I felt real good for my health was quite of bit better.

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The 22nd. Held one meeting. Friday the 23rd I went by railroad to Aarhus. On the 24th the Conference began and I gave a report about the work in Odense Branch. I On Sunday 25th I attended three meetings. On the 26th held two meetings, one before noon and one in the evening.

Was in the forest in the afternoon with the saints to have some fun.²³⁵

Thursday the 29th. Had a meeting. May 1st attended a Priesthood meeting where I taught the saints about their duties.

Sunday 2nd. Attended three meetings in the branch in Aarhus where I taught the saints about their different duties pertaining to the family and I bore a strong testimony about the teachings of Christ. I used the time to visit friends and relatives and spent a pleasant time with many brothers and sisters who showed me great hospitality.

On the 4th. I said good-bye to the brethren and bought a ticket to Odense where I found everything well when I arrived. I stayed here and held two meetings on the 9th in the branch (chapel).

On the 11th. I took a trip to Sletten to visit saints and friends and held a meeting on the 14th in Ørritslev. Went to Odense on the 15th and held two meetings in the chapel and later visited the saints.

Sunday 23rd. They held three good meetings in the branch which were well attended by saints and non-members and consequently, we spent a good time together talking about the work of God.

Sunday 30th. A police officer came and asked about the brethren. We held two meetings.

The 4th of June. Did Brother M.P. Madsen leave us to travel to Sjaelland to visit²³⁶ some relatives. He had worked as a traveling Elder together with Elder P.M. Lundgreen.

Sunday 6th. Fasted and held two meetings. The 13th, held two meetings in the chapel.

The 14th. Took the train to Otterup, held two meetings in Ørritslev with saints and non-members. Stayed with Niels Christensen.

On the 15th. I went together with some of the saints to Rorslev.

16th. Went by train to Bogense for the purpose to give Brother Olsen money for his emigration and had a good talk with Jorgen Christensen and wife about the teachings of Christ.

On the 17th. Arrived in Odense by train. On the 18th took care of matters pertaining to emigration. The 19th, blessed a boy, Anders Peder Bruun who traveled with his mother to Zion. Spoke to the saints and taught them to keep the spirit of God within them. Brother Olsen with his family, and the sisters Nikolaisen, Maren Andersen and son and A. Nielsen left.

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Sunday 20th. Held two meetings in the chapel. 27th Held three meetings in the branch and ordained Peder Christoffersen to the office of a Priest, Knud Jensen and Peder Christiansen to the office of teachers and blessed a child of Vilhelm Hansen and a sister for her illness and spent a very pleasant time talking to the saints about their²³⁷ different duties and I bore testimony to non-members about the gospel.

29th. Bought a ticket to Nakskov together with H. Hansen who had been visiting there. Had a pleasant trip. We were well received by my parents-in-law in Nakskov. On the 1st my father-in-law drove us to Blands where I had the opportunity to talk to Stines's relatives. Pauline's trip became a possibility since H. Hansen promised to let her borrow one half of the amount needed.

Sunday 4th July spent a pleasant time talking to relatives about the gospel.

6th. Traveled to Langeland and came to Peder Christensen. Visited Sister Kier on the 7th. Had a pleasant meeting in the evening and ordained Peder Christensen to the office of a Priest.

8th. We drove to Hou and on the way visited M. Marie's relatives and sister Christoffersen and spent a very pleasant time since we were well received all over.

9th. Went to Svendborg and stayed at Morten Rasmussen's place, I was well received there as well as with the saints.

10th. Arrived in Odense and found everything well and received good news from home.²³⁸

Sunday 11th. Held two good meetings and spent the week taking care of the finances and to read "Bikuben" and also to visit the saints and to write several letters.

Sunday 18th. Held two meetings and thereafter went a trip to Sletten to visit saints and friends. Held a good meeting in Ørritskec.

Sunday 25th. Held two meetings in the chapel. 1st Aug Held meeting in the branch. Brother Jorgensen and two brethren from Sjaelland were visiting, namely Bishop N. Rasmussen and Jorgensen. We spent a good time together and held three meetings.

Friday 6th. Went by train to Bred.

7th. Held a meeting at Gasbøle Mark.

8th. Held a meeting at Bred, went to Odense and held one there.

13th. Went to Nyborg and held a meeting and 15th came back to Odense and held two meetings there.

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22nd. Held two meetings and the same on the 29th. The same on the fifth of Sept. Held three good meetings in the branch. Blessed two sisters because of illness. I traveled to Sjaelland and attended a Branch meeting where I spoke twice. The saints felt good with my visit.²³⁹

12th Sept. Visited relatives and friends and came to Nybørg and held a meeting.

18th. Came to Odense and held two.

19th. Went to Gasbølle Mark. Held two meetings on the 26th and blessed Emil Jensen's daughter and gave her the name of Sarah. A Priest was present but was unable to do anything.

27th. I baptized Jorgen Rasmussen, born 17 Oct 1845 in the parish of Stoense, he was baptized at Gadsbølle Mark on 27th Sep, confirmed the same day.

3rd Oct. Had two good meetings where some non-members were present and I gave farewell speeches as there was someone going home.

10th. Held three good meetings in the branch. Blessed Brother Chr. Nielsen because of sickness. The spirit of God was over us so we all felt good.

12th. I baptized Niels Rasmussen, born 14 Sep 1857 in Horslev, confirmed the same day.

17th. Two meetings.

24th. Two meetings and I baptized Ane Kjerstine Nielsen Hansen, born 28 Mar 1850 in Sandger, confirmed the same day.

25th. Went to Sletten and held a meeting in Orritslev.

27th. Visited saints in Hjadstrup, Kappendrup, Rorslev and Kattebjerg and Olle Kjile. Came to Odense on the 31st and held two meetings in the chapel.²⁴⁰

7th Nov. Held three good meetings in the branch and we fasted and the spirit of the Lord was over us in rich measure. Ordained Niels Rasmussen to the office of a teach and blessed a sister who was sick. I spent the time updating the records for the whole year.

13th. Went by train to Aarhus for Conference. I started the same evening with a meeting and I gave my report as a Branch President of Odense branch.

14th. Talked to a large congregation, we had a pleasant conference.

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18th. I got the opportunity to speak to some attentive listeners in the chapel, I explained clearly the personality of God and the condition for entering into the Kingdom of God.

20th. Was in company with Brother Jensen's family and we spent a pleasant time together talking about the Kingdom of God.

21st. I left Brother Jensen where I had stayed, they had been very hospitable. Arrived in Odense and held two meetings the same day.

25th. Held 1 meeting.

28th. Held two meetings.

2 Dec. Held one meeting.

5th. Dec Held two.

9th. Dec Held one

12 Dec Two meetings.

16th. One.

17th. Went by train to Nybørg to visit the saints. Came back on the 18th.

19th. Held three meetings where the following brethren were suggested for advancement in the Priesthood: Jakob Jensen to the office of a Priest, Peder Christophersen to the office of an Elder and Peter Christensen to become an Elder.²⁴¹

23rd. Held a meeting. 1887

26th. Two meetings and went to Otterup.

1st. Held a meeting in Orritslev.

2nd. Went to Odense and held two meetings.

6th. Held one meeting.

9th. Held two.

13th. One.

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16th. Two.

19th. Held one meeting because of Peter Lundgreen's trip, together with a young man from Langeland.

23rd. Held three meetings in the branch. Ordained Brother Christoffersen of St. Velling to the office of an Elder.

27th. Held one meeting.

30th. Two.

3 Feb One.

4th. Blessed four children because of sickness and gave one the name of Christian Frederik Hansen.

6th. Two meetings.

10th. One.

13th. Two

15th. I walked to Sletten to visit saints in Kattebjerg, Lille Kilde, Roerslev, Kappendrup, Hjadstrup, Otterup and held a good meeting on the 18th in Ørritslev.

20th Two.

22nd. Went to Nybørg and had a good opportunity to bear testimony to my sister-in-law and another lady.

23rd. Bore testimony to people and held a good meeting in the evening.

24th. Held one meeting.

27th. Held three meetings in the branch and ordained two brethren to the office of a Priest: Anders Nielsen from Lille Kilde and Knud Jensen from Roerslev.

2nd Mar. Held a meeting in the chapel.²⁴²

6th Held two.

10th One.

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13th Two.

17th One.

20th Two.

24th One.

27th Two.

31st One.

7th. Took the emigrants to Copenhagen where I had the opportunity to attend Conference and to speak to the saints several times. I enjoyed the company of the brethren. On the trip home I visited Sorø and held a meeting in Nybørg. Held two meetings in the chapel.

23rd. Went to Aarhus for Conference and gave my report the same evening, we had a pleasant time and I had the opportunity to talk to a large congregation several times.

27th. Arrived in Odense.

1st May. Went to Sletten and visited saints and friends. Held two meetings in the chapel.

8th. Held three meetings in the branch and presented some of the brethren to receive the Priesthood and Brother J. Petersen from Zion was suggested to be a travelling Elder. I was then occupied with the records, making monthly, quarterly and semiannual reports.

15th. Held two meetings.

21st. Wrote to be saints in Spanish Fork and mentioned that I had attended 5 conferences since I arrived here, ordained 15 to Priesthood offices, blessed 9 children and²⁴³ more for sickness and held 295 meetings.

22nd. Held two meetings in the chapel. Took a trip to Sletten to assist some going to Zion.

28th. Went to Copenhagen with them in order to help them with their finances.

29th. Went to church and visited interesting places in the city.

30th. Went to the Zoo where I saw different animals.

31st. Stayed with my family and had a good opportunity to bear my testimony. I wrote some letters.

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1st June. Went to “Tivoli” with several of the brethren and saw the different attractions.

3rd. Went to Sorø and visited the saints and family.

5th. Held two meetings, the first with non-members. I had a good opportunity to talk to some good listeners. Left that area and visited in Nybørg. When I came back home I found that my companion was very sick. After he had been anointed he felt somewhat better.

12th. Held Branch meetings. The Brethren P. Christiansen and K. Jensen were ordained to the office of Elder and P. Rasmussen to the office of a teacher. Held three good meetings.

22nd. Brother Pedersen was having great pain in one side and the chest. He was, anointed and felt better when he went to bed, but during the night the pain came back and he had difficulty breathing. I anointed him twice which gave him comfort and relief and he went to sleep immediately and did not awake until 9 AM. At 10 AM he was hungry and ate his food, saying: Brother Hansen, this is delicious. At 11:45 he went to sleep again, apparently without pain and this way he died. He was aware what was going on to the last and sometimes remarked that he should go home with the first company. He was dressed in the holy clothing and had a nice burial. There were several of the brethren from back home present and he was buried on the 28th.²⁴⁵

3 July. Held two good meetings and the same on the 10th.

Baptized Christian P. Handberg, born 18 Sep 1833 in Copenhagen, baptized 3 July 1887.

11th. Went to Svendborg.

12th. Baptized Morten Rasmussen there, he was born in Sct. Jorgens Strandhuse 15 Oct 1830, confirmed the 17th, likewise Else Marie Rasmussen, born 2 May 1838 at Lyngaabye, laden parish in Jylland. (8 Apr. 1855?) Cidse Marie Johnsen(?), confirmed 17th July.

17th July. Held three good meetings in the branch. We were four brethren from Utah.

24th. Two meetings. Went to Sletten to visit saints and held a meeting.

31st. Held two meetings.

1st Aug. Went to Svendborg, visited the saints.

2nd. Went by steamship to Langeland, walked to Barager, on the road I sat on the wayside to rest and prayed to God for guidance so that I could find the places where there would be something for me to do.²⁴⁶

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3rd Aug. Stayed here and held a good meeting with some good people who I hope soon will make the covenants with God.

4th. Blessed two children. Brother P. Christiansen drove me to Hou, on the way we visited a sister in Stoense and was well received by Jorgen Rasmussen in Faarevejle, baptized the same evening his wife, Maren Jensen, born 23 Sep 1853 in Birkov parish. Confirmed the same evening. Blessed four children for membership into the Church. Went by steamship to Svendborg and was very warmly received by the saints and spent the night there.

6th. Went by train to Odense.

7th. Held two meetings in the chapel and visited with several brethren from Utah. Worked with the records.

14th. Two meetings.

17th. The saints who should emigrate left for Odense.

21st. Held meetings in the branch where the brethren H. Larsen and S. P. Eggert had charge of three meetings.

28th. Two meetings.

4th Sept. Attended a party and held a meeting.

11th. Two meetings.

14th. Went to Sjaelland and visited my mother-in-law.

16th. Meetings.

18th. Two meetings.

25th. Held Branch meetings and ordained Brother J. Jensen Bøgedahl to the office of²⁴⁷ an Elder and A. F. Schroder to become a deacon. Held three good meetings.

2nd Oct. Two meetings and I baptized Niels Christian Jacobsen Eøgedahl, born 2 July 1861 in Søndersø, was confirmed the same date. He and his father emigrated the third.

9th Oct. Held two meetings.

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12th Oct. Took a trip to Sletten and visited the saints and several good people. Held a meeting on Oct 15th where the spirit of the Lord was with me so that I was able to present the teachings of Christ to some attentive listeners.

16th. Came to Odense and held two meetings at the chapel.

23rd. Two meetings.

30th. Three good meetings in the branch.

6th Nov. Two meetings.

12th Nov. Went by train to Aarhus to attend Conference and gave a report of my Mission. Worked in the branch the same evening.

Sunday 13th. Attended three meetings. Had a good opportunity to speak to some good listeners.

14th. Attended two meetings in which I spoke again.

17th. Spoke to some good listeners and visited several families to whom I bore my testimony. I had a very pleasant time there.

20th. Went to Randers together with President L. Andersen where three meetings were held and I had the opportunity to speak in the chapel full of people. The spirit of the Lord was really with me so that I was able to clearly explain the teachings of Christ. After the talks several people came up to me and thanked me for the message.

22nd. Went to Aarhus where I on the 24th again had the opportunity to speak in a good meeting. Had a pleasant trip and came back to Odense.

Held two meetings on the 24th

4 Dec. Held meetings in the branch.

11th. Held three meetings.

18th. Held two. This week I took a trip to Sjaelland to speak to my son-in-law, who had just arrived from home.

24th. Held a little meeting in Nyborg.²⁴⁹

25th. Held two meetings in Odense.

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26th. Organized a Sunday meeting.

1st Jan 1888. Held two meetings, later took a trip to Sletten where I held a meeting on the 6th in Ørritslev.

8th. Held three branch meetings.

15th. Held two meetings where a few non-members were present and paid attention.

23rd. Held two meetings.

29th. Held two meetings.

1 Feb. Went to Annebølle Mose, held a meeting with non-members. Many people were gathered due to invitations. The spirit of the Lord rested over me in rich measure, so I was easily able to explain the doctrines of Christ. The people were eager to hear more so I decided to hold another meeting on the 2nd and the people were gathered inside as well as outside and the spirit of the Lord rested upon me in rich measure so that I again was able to explain to the people the difference²⁵⁰ between the people who wanted to serve the Lord and the people who did not. Because of the apparent desire of the people to hear the word, I promised to hold a meeting on the 23rd at the same place.

3rd. I went to Gasbølle where I again held a meeting with non-members which also went well and I promised to hold another meeting on the 24th. I felt that the Lord had poured out his blessings on me in rich abundance on this trip because I had fasted and prayed to the Lord the three Previous days. I then wrote to my family.

5th. Two meetings. In this week I paid a visit to the saints in Svendborg where I was well received. I had the opportunity to bear testimony to non-members.

12th. Held three good branch meetings and ordained Brother Emil Jensen to the office of Priest.

4th. A police officer came and asked John P. Sorensen to meet at the police station on the 15th at 9 AM. He (John P. Sorensen) was asked for his papers and since he²⁵¹ did not have them with him he went home to pick them up. He delivered the papers, showing his call and the papers showing him being deported from Germany and was asked to explain his travel and everything was recorded.

On the 17th. He went back to get his papers but was told that he later would be asked to meet with the Chief of the Police.

18th. In the morning he said that a voice had told him to leave the city at once and this he did.

19th. Held two meetings.

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20th. A Police officer came and said that Mr. Sorensen should meet at the Police Station on the 21st at 11 PM.

26th. Held two meetings in the chapel, I spent three days fasting and praying for my family that they may be protected from our enemies.

29th. Went to Annebølle Mose, there was a lot of snow so it was almost impossible to get there.

1 Mar. Held a pleasant meeting where I talked to a lot of people who listened well and I felt that the spirit of the Lord was with me.

2nd. Held a meeting in Gasbølle.

3rd. Went by train to Odense. I felt good about this trip.

4th. Held two meetings.

11th. Held two meetings.

16th. On that day came Conference President L. S. Andersen and Elder Nielsen from Randers to visit.

18th. We held two meetings.

20th. Went to Svendborg together with Bro. Andersen and was very well received among²⁵² the saints. Went back on the 21st and on the 22nd said warmly good-bye to Brother Andersen.

25th. Held two good meetings and baptized Karen Andersen who was born 18 Aug 1857 in Vissenbjerg and Jens Knudsen who was born 15 Sep 1859 in Vissenbjerg.

28th. Went to Ørritslev where I held a meeting on the 29th and had a good discussion with Brother P. P. Sorensen about the Kingdom of God here on the island of Fyn.

1st Apr. (Easter Sunday) Held a branch meeting where I ordained Brother H. Hansen to the office of an Elder and I taught the saints about their duties and bore a powerful testimony about the work of God. A sister by the name of Maren Nielsen, born 3 Feb 1829 at Flintrup, was baptized on the 2 Aug 1883 at Strib by H. J. Bruhn asked me if her daughter could be a member of the church. This daughter had died believing in the gospel. The name of the girl was Karen Marie Christine Petersen, born 1 Apr 1860 at Kirkefjellenesbov in Sorø county and she died 1 Feb 1888 at Strib in Odense county. The father's name was Hans Christen Pedersen.

6th Apr. I baptized Camilla Jacobsen, born 21 Jul 1876 in Aalborg and confirmed her a member of the Church.

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7th. Bought a ticket to Aarhus and gave a report the same evening at the Conference about my Mission.

8th. Had the opportunity to talk to a large congregation and the spirit of the Lord was with me. I spent a pleasant time with the brethren. I was released with permission to return home.

9th. I attended a Priesthood meeting.

10th. Spent the time saying good-bye to friends and bore testimony.

11th. Came back to Odense and found everything well.

15th. Held two good meetings.

16th. The person who was going to relieve me arrived.

17th. Turned over the books which were in good order.

19th. Held a meeting where I suggested Brother F. Jacobsen to take my place.

20th Apr. I baptized Frits Johansen, born 29 Sep 1854 at Ventinge, Maren Kirstine Jensen, born 14 Nov 1859 at Espe. I have baptized 16 on this Mission.

22nd. Held Branch meeting in Svendborg where F. Jacobsen was sustained as President.

23rd. Went to Barager on the island of Langeland and held a good meeting and stayed here and visited some good people.

27th. Held two good meetings with quite of few listened who paid attention.

28th. Went to Nakskov and was warmly received by the parents of Camilla.

29th. Went to Pauline's mother and sister.

30th. Visited Sister Poulsen's daughter. All these places I was warmly received.

1st May. Came back to Barager and held a good meeting. It was raining heavily so we²⁵⁴ decided to hold another meeting on the 2nd. We had a pretty good attendance. The spirit of the Lord was with me and I felt that I had done some good.

3rd. Visited the saints in Svendborg and was very well received.

4th. Came to Odense and read some letters and papers from home.

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15th. The saints in Odense held a surprise farewell dinner for me. It was very nice. They had made a beautiful wreath and placed it at my large photo in the chapel. After the meal Brother Herman Lohdefinh gathered the saints around him and they sang a song he had prepared for this occasion. This touched me very much. They had practiced several times when I was gone. After the song I felt that I should express my appreciation to them. It will always be a dear experience for me of this Mission.

The song goes like this:

Now we have gathered us in a group²⁵⁵
to bid farewell to Jens Hansen
And in his honor we will sing a song
Wishing him happiness and luck in the future.
We will see Jens Hansen again
When Zion goes to the wedding dance
and we with him have gained the reward
let us be faithful to the end
we will not be sad and we will not cry
now when our brother is leaving
but we will ask our Heavenly Father
that our stay in Babylon will be short.
We will then follow Brother Hansen
and bravely we will hold the Fort
until we have won the reward
and have the Palm branch in the hand
Now he has finished ',-,is work here
and again returns to his home
We will pray for him
that we all may be faithful
Our Farewell echo will follow him
over the sea and the waves
Our thanks to him will never cease
He has done his duty to us.

6th. Two meetings.

10th. One meeting.

13th. Two meetings.

16th. Visited Karen's family in Tommerup and obtained some of her Genealogy.

18th. Was in Aasum Mark for the same purpose and obtained some genealogy belonging to my first wife.

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20th. Two meetings where I taught them to be faithful.

21st. Left Odense and had a meeting in Nybørg and then went to Sorø where I visited relatives and went to Copenhagen where I spent a pleasant time together with my son-in-law Andersen. Visited the exhibition which was closed to Tivoli and several other interesting places. Made preparation with a company to leave Denmark. Came by Hull to Liverpool and was here assigned as an assistant to the leader for the company which was leaving Liverpool. We went past Queenstown on June 3rd. On June 4th the ship went 298 miles. On June 5th 311 miles. June 6th 303 miles. June 7th 270 miles. June 8th 302 miles. June 9th 250 miles. June 10th 284 miles. June 11th 326 miles. June 13th 305 miles. (The name of the steamship was Wisconsin). A distance of 2867 miles.²⁵⁷

On June 13th. We went onboard the ship which took us to Norfolk in Virginia where we entered the train to Salt Lake.

We went through the Southern States where I noticed that there were a lot of poor soil and simple houses so the population was in a poor condition.

It has been said that the population is not friendly towards the Mormons. To begin with we went very fast so that there was a fire in the wheels and the passengers were very scared and I comforted them as well as I could. However, we all arrived well in Salt Lake. After having done everything for the company, I went home to my family who were all well considering the circumstances. They had all, except my first wife moved out of the large home because of the Edmund's law, despite that my family had been called before a Grand Jury last February and nothing could be found against them for breaking the laws of the land.

Soon after my arrival at home came Marshal Mc Clellan in the morning abt. 5 AM²⁵⁸ together with another two and informed me that he had papers against me for breaking the Edmund's law. So I was under arrest, but I asked for permission to put on my hat and coat, to which he answered "We shall see" and ordered me to stop by one of the Marshal's while he and the other man went into the house where they found my first wife and told her to meet in court as a witness against me at the same day.

4th Jul. After which they went to my daughters bedroom and took their names and ordered them to meet in court the same day. Then they went into an old widow who was living in the house by the name of Sister Poulsen who they wanted to force to take my name also. Then they went to the first floor to get my son to go with them, but they found all rooms empty. Then they went into the storage room where they found my sons and got the names of four of them for the same purpose.

My son, Jacob asked them if they wanted him also to witness, but they said that they had enough.

They came back to me who had been standing outside by the other Marshal. Marshal Mc Clellan came over to me and asked me to ask four of the wives who had already been in court to meet

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again, to which I answered that my son, Jacob could get them so he himself could order them to meet. The results were that four wives, two daughters and four sons met the U.S. commissioner who after cross examination had to pay them for their trip and then declared me²⁶⁰ a free man, which I have been since.

I had to start working hard physically and build a little home with four rooms into which I later moved with my first wife to be obedient to the laws of the land. Then a part of my family could move into the large house.

I took a trip to Logan Temple and was sealed to my father on 21 Feb 1890 and my deceased brother, Lars, Ane Marie and Peter Hansen. At the same time was the girl, Karen Kirstine Petersen, born 1 Apr 1860 at Kirkefjendelev in Sorø county, died 1 Feb 1888 at Strib, baptized on 18th Feb and endowed 21 Feb 1891.

At the same time ordinance work was performed for others, namely, her mother's²⁶¹ parents, Niels Andersen, born 1776 at Fjenderslev, died in June of 1860, was baptized 18 Feb 1890 and endowed 20 Feb, sealed the same day, also Ane Christoffersen 2 Jan 1793 at Ødemark in Sorø county, died 25 Jan 1878 at Strib, baptized and sealed the same day; after having done this I went back home and continued my usual business.

3 Jan 1891 appr. 11 PM my wife Caroline slept in peacefully with the firm hope of a glorious resurrection.

In Feb the same year my wife and I went again to the Logan Temple to perform some ordinances for her's as well as for my relatives. this was recorded in the book. I found it necessary to build another larger home where the Danes could meet and for the purpose that I could gather my whole family, if necessary, and use it for a School in case I found it necessary to lease some of my property to my older sons²⁶² after having paid those of them who were married with land and Stock. I also found it necessary to cultivate all the land and fenced a part of it which until now had not been in use, for pasture for the stock and I started to clear the land for willows. My brother and I had to work hard to pay for the unusual high taxes.

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²⁶²Page 262 Feb 1891, on original journal