

## AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF CHRISTIAN JOHN LARSEN

I, Christian J. Larsen, was born March 21, 1831 in the town of "Greis", County of Veile, in the province of Jutland, Denmark.

When I had reached the age of between six and seven years, I passed through a very severe sickness and I have been told by my mother, that for three days she had considered me dead and had commenced to prepare my burial clothes. I recovered, however, and afterwards I found employment in a cloth factory in my native town where a number of other children, both boys and girls also worked, besides some older people, and we were, by the latter, led to much improper talk and conduct, and I well remember, that at one time, we smaller ones tried to excel each other in who could beat in swearing. I was then only between seven and eight years old, but one day, while we were thus engaged in that wicked practice, I had a feeling of fear come upon me and a voice within my heart said: "What are you doing ? You know it is sin. " And, at the same time I formed a resolution that I would never do it again, nor would I drink any intoxicating drinks, if my Heavenly Father would only forgive me for the past and I felt that I had indeed made a covenant that I have made with Him since I entered the Church for this was in my childhood, long before I came to a knowledge of the Gospel.

My parents, Lars Johansen and Anna Margrethe Sorensen, were very sincere in their religious belief, Lutherans, and they would generally take their children with them to church every Sunday and I therefore know that I would have received a severe chastisement, from them if they had learned of my evil ways, but when I had repented, I did not let anybody know about the resolution and covenant that I had made with God until I became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I continued to work in the before mentioned factory till I had reached the age of 14 years and was then confirmed according to the rites of the Lutheran Church. We worked twelve hours a day and between the hours of 7 and 9 in the evening I attended school, the school teacher coming down from the nearby village to the factory for that purpose. After having passed the "Confirmation", I became an apprentice with my brother Johannes, who was a tailor, and we worked at that trade in his home and also at times in other places in the neighborhood till I was 17 years old, and then I moved to Copenhagen. This was in the year 1848, when war had broken out between Germany and Denmark, and, as one consequence of that event, work in our line of trade in Copenhagen was plentiful, and I worked together with brother Johannes, sewing clothing for the soldiers. In the Spring of 1850, I hired out as a servant to Colonel Coletevin and family, who were very kind to me, allowing me much freedom and only having very light work to perform; yet, there was something within that made me feel dissatisfied, and I therefore quit my employers, although they made me some very tempting offers, if I would remain in their service, and even exempting me from serving my country in the army.

About that time, my brother Johannes had frequented the Baptist congregations and had taken much interest in their doctrines, yet I would not go with him to their meetings, but attended service in the Lutheran Church in the forenoon on Sundays; yet I found no spiritual food or satisfaction in the fry and ready-made sermons of he pastor, and I often meditated upon the cause for this and wondered why it was that I could not get a taste for religion like so many other church goers, some of them I had myself seen drunk and unable to get to their home without me helping them, and I had heard them swear and use other bad language, and yet they were

Christians -- it was a puzzle to me, how that could be.

Sunday, August 11, 1850, my brother Johannes, having attended Baptist Meeting, came to me in the evening and informed me that some men had arrived from America, who said that they were disciples of Jesus like those in the days of the Apostles. That declaration made a very curious impression upon my mind at once, and I told my brother that I would go with him to Baptist meeting on purpose to see and talk with those men, and he told me that on the following Wednesday evening, I could go with him to meeting, and then I could see them. To this proposition assented and I longed for the intervening days to pass. I well remember how, while on my way to that meeting, I prayed to God in my heart that He would assist me to understand what the Baptist minister would have to say, but, to my surprise, it was no clearer to me than what I had heard in the Lutheran Church. The following Friday, in the afternoon, I had the first opportunity to hear a discussion between two Baptists and Elder Dykes, one of the missionaries from America, and was all the time in sympathy with the new doctrine and peculiar pleasant influence rested upon me that I had not experienced before. I was converted, and the following Monday, August 19th, I was baptized by Elder P. O. Hansen, another of the American missionaries, in the Sound (Eoresund), and when I came out of the water, it seemed to me that the heavens were opened and my mind lightened to such a degree that I could see and comprehend many things which I have not even thought of before. The following Sunday, which was August 25th, I was confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints under the hands of Apostle Erastus Snow. That same day the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the Saints for the first time in Scandinavia and I did receive the gift of the Holy Ghost and even as I went home from that meeting the spirit revealed to me the doctrine and principle of the gathering to Zion. Oh, how I desired to live among people who believed in God as I did and would serve him. It must be understood that nobody had yet given me the first hint or said a word about that subject, yet I felt so sure about it, that I believed that I could convince anybody about the truth of these principles, but it was not many days afterwards till I learned that the testimony must come from God, and He gives as he pleaseth. I met two of my friends -- a young man -- and in my happy zeal and joy, I commenced to impart to them some of my feelings and experiences of late and they seemed to listen with interest to what I related without uttering a word. I thought that they were almost converted, but then one of them lifted his foot and gave me a kick in the stomach that sent me on my back in the gutter. I was, however, not hurt by that heavy fall, but it gave me a lesson in using wisdom, when offering the Gospel truth to strangers.

In the month of October, 1850, I was ordained a Deacon by Elder John Eric Forsgreen, who was one of the missionaries from America, and I was appointed to labor among the saints in company with a brother Aagreen, who had been ordained a Teacher. While thus engaged, I was often much affected by evil spirits who revived in my mind many of my former evil habits of talk and thinking, yet, while I was speaking to the saints on Gospel principles or praying with them, those evil influences would leave me, but would return and torment me again afterwards to such an extent that I sometimes could feel the sweat on my back and underwear. In this condition I suffered for about two weeks, but I did not reveal it to anybody, except my Heavenly Father of whom I prayed for deliverance.

At that time Apostle Erastus Snow was in England on purpose to raise some money for publishing the Book of Mormon in the Danish language, and after his return he held a priesthood meeting, giving much valuable instruction -- among other subjects also concerning evil spirits and the way to conquer them and their

influence by fasting and prayer. He referred the fact that Jesus taught His disciples , that certain spirits would not be conquered and depart without fasting and prayer. I at once made a covenant with God that I would fast four nights and three days that God might deliver me from those abominable and wicked influences, and thanks to God, I had not fasted very long till I was delivered from them, yet I kept my promises of fasting while I was visiting the Saints and admonished them to be faithful to the covenant that they had made with God, which labor was very necessary at that time, for some of them were more or less in doubt about the covenant and doctrine they had embraced and this doubt more so among the members who had formerly belonged to the Baptist Faith. While I was fasting and visiting the Saints in this way I would each day go out in the royal park, Frederiksberg, and in this secluded grove seek the Lord for strength and He gave the strength I needed and my testimony of the truth of the gospel became stronger and stronger.

During the winter months we had considerable persecution from the mobs in our public meetings and for some time we had to hold meetings only in the private homes of the saints.

In the month of January, 1851, Brother Aagreen and I were appointed to call on the King -- Frederick the Seventh -- at his residence, the palace "Christianborg," with a petition for protection in our religious meetings and to present him with a copy of the Book of Mormon.

March 11th, 1851, I was ordained a Priest by Apostle Erastus Snow and appointed to go as a missionary in company with Elder Christen Christiansen to the city of Aalborg, to assist Elder George P. Dykes, who had established a branch of the church there. On March 12th, we left Copenhagen by train for Roeskilde and from that city we traveled on foot to Horsoer and remained there one day waiting for a steamer to take us to Aarhus in Jutland. Arriving in Aarhus we went on foot to Aalborg, where we arrived Sunday morning, March 16th, and received a hearty welcome from Elder Dykes and the saints, and on the same day we attended two good meetings and became acquainted with the saints. In the evening we were invited to administer to a sick child in the family of Sister Maria Olsen -- Dykes, Christiansen and I -- and it was on that occasion that I for the first time met the young lady who afterwards became my first wife, and it was a strange feeling that came upon me at once when I saw her -- an impression like this; "There is your wife. " This impression however, I took to be a temptation, because I had formed an idea, from what St. Paul writes, that it is better for a missionary to be not married, and I had sincerely prayed to God that He would make use of me as a missionary preaching the Gospel to my fellowmen, because that had given me so much happiness. I labored most of the time in company with Elder George P. Dykes -- on week days mostly out in the farming country, but on Sundays in the city holding meetings, and once a week we held council meeting. We had found much success in our labor in a village called Hals and the farming district around that place, and on May 11th a branch of the church was organized there, with Brother Domgaard as president, and there were members of that branch in "Kjeld's Gaardene, " Hasris and Klarup.

After a meeting held in Aalborg, May 11th, I went to the home of Taylor Olsen, whose family were members of the church, but he was not, and it was his daughter, Barbara Jensine Dortha, who had made such an impression upon my feeling that first time I saw her and felt impressed that she was to become my wife; but I had been fasting and praying to God that He would remove that feeling from me, if it was against His will that I retained that feeling, or else to give me a testimony that He approved of it. To this end I revealed my feelings to the girl's mother and asked

her permission to speak to her daughter on the subject, and she gave me her permission at once and told me that her daughter had had the same impression on the very first time she saw me, but that she had struggled against that impression, thinking that it originated from an evil source. After that conversation with the mother and subsequently with the daughter, we agreed to get married whenever it should be our happy lot to emigrate to Zion, and all recognized the hand of God in this arrangement.

May 12th, I wrote letters of encouragement to C. P. Nielsen in Hjørring and Knud in Klarup, who were hindered from attending our council meetings. In the evening I attended the council meeting and I was there appointed to visit the saints in Hals branch to encourage them in their faith. I closed the meeting with prayer that night. Remained in Aalborg May 13th and also visited the saints on Sunday.

May 14th, I accompanied Elder Christiansen some distance out from Aalborg on his way to Skive where he was going to bring the glad message to his parents. I also wrote letters to my brothers Johannes and Lauritz and also to my parents. In the evening I attended meeting in Aalborg.

May 15th. On my way to Hals, I visited a farm and talked to the people concerning the Gospel. When I reached Hals, I found Sister Lina very sick, but after administering and praying for her, she recovered at once and became well.

May 16th. I held meeting in the house of N. C. Domgaard and administered the Sacrament to the saints.

On the 17th, I visited some strangers and in the evening we had a prayer meeting.

May 18th. Being Sunday, I went to Kjølke to hold meeting; and in Moustown; many came to hear and received a strong testimony of the truth. After meeting I went to Jens Bister in Kjarup and came in conversation with a number of people about the Gospel. After having held a prayer meeting in the house of Brother P. Christensen and administering the Sacrament that evening to the saints, I baptized a girl by the name of Anna Maria Elizabeth Hermansen.

May 19th, Monday, I went to Knud Nielsen in Kjeldgaard to encourage the saints there.

Tuesday, May 20th, I returned to Aalborg, where I had the pleasure of meeting Elder Dykes, who had just returned from Sleswig. In the evening we had a council meeting, where I reported my last missionary labors. I also wrote a letter to Elder Chr. Christiansen.

Wednesday, May 21st, I wrote a letter to President E. Snow and also one to my brother. Christen. We had a Love-Feast in our Assembly Hall and we had a splendid time. Elder Dykes was the principal speaker.

May 23rd, Friday, Elder Dykes went to England. Some of us were out in a grove, singing and offering prayers. I visited that day a farmer by name of Gardener and bore my testimony to him about the Gospel. I gave him my New Testament.

May 24th. I went over to Sunby after Sarah Jensen for Sister Petersen who was sick; it was only 4 o'clock in the morning. Later in the day we had a meeting in the house of Brother Jens Thompson and the afternoon we had a meeting in our Assembly Hall, where I was the speaker as in the previous meeting, and administered the

Sacrament I baptized two girls in the evening and we all felt well.

May 26th, Monday I wrote a letter to my brother Lauritz and also one to Elder Chr. Christiansen I also wrote a letter for Sister Olsen to her brother in Copenhagen In our council meeting on Sunday I was appointed to go to Kjeldgaard to hold meeting, June 1st.

May 27th, I visited the saints and also wrote a letter of encouragement to the saints in Hals.

May 28th, I visited the saints and wrote a letter for Sister Andrea Petersen to her father in Copenhagen, and then went to Kjeldgaard.

May 29th, I held meeting in the house of Brother Knud Nielsen, I afterwards in the company of the brethren, Jens Jorgensen, Nels Petersen, and Hans Nielsen, went to North Kongerslev, where we had once held a meeting before, in the house of the magistrate, but he was not willing to permit it again. We therefore went to a Baptist congregation and tried to convert them, but we found them to be very stubborn, and some of the villagers became so angry that they mobbed us and pelted us with stones. As we were leaving and in the edge of the village, we were invited to hold meeting in the house of a widow as she wished to hear us, and we accepted, but we had only sung a couple of verses before we found the mob had again surrounded that house, and, with stones, crushed the windows and broke the doors, and we were compelled to leave, yet pursued by the mob who continued their attack upon us with stones; but, fortunately, none of us got hurt. I remained over night at Brother Knud in Kjeldgaard.

May the 30th, I went to Aalborg and attended prayer meeting in the evening.  
May 31st, I visited the saints in the town.

JUNE, 1851

June 1st, Sunday, I attended meeting and also blessed Sister Petersen. Later I baptized Gardiner Jens Jensen. In the evening I conducted a small prayer meeting.

June 2nd. I wrote letters to Elders Forsgreen and Dykes.

June 3rd On this day I was in North Sundby visiting the saints

June 4th I held a meeting and the evening attended council meeting and reported my missionary labors in Kjelgaard and Kongerslev I was appointed to go to Hals and hold a meeting with the saints there the following Sunday.

June 5th. I held a meeting and in the evening attended council meeting and fast meeting,. I also wrote letters to Elders Chr. Christiansen and H.F. Jensen, encouraging the saints to faithfulness.

June 6th. I started for Hals -- fasting -- and on the way, I had a ride along with a couple of farmers and had an opportunity to preach the Gospel to them.

June 7th. Saturday, I spent visiting the saints in Hals.

June 8th. I held meeting with the saints in the house of Brother Domgaard and administered the sacrament.

June 9th. Accompanied by some of the saints, I went to Mous, a village, and conversed with some of the people, seeking an opportunity to hold a meeting, and in two places we were given opportunities, but the blacksmith followed us everywhere and disturbed our efforts. We finally had to leave and went to Brother Peter Christiansen in Gudomlund, where we held meeting and administered the sacrament to the saints and also preached to some strangers and from there I went to Brother Knud Nielsen in Kjeldgaard and stayed over night.

June 10th, Tuesday. I visited Niels Mikkelsen and had a good talk with him, and he said that he would soon be baptized. I also visited a Sister Stine in Skoustrup; she was much in doubt, but when I left her she felt some improved in her faith. From there I went to Brother Knud in Klarup and administered to him for his sickness, and he was at once restored. From there I went to Aalborg .

June 11th I wrote a letter to my brother, Christen, and in the evening held a meeting in our hall.

June 12th, Thursday, I wrote to Elder Forsgreen. I also tried to encourage a Brother Jens Jensen, who was wavering in his faith. In the afternoon I had a meeting and in the evening, in council meeting. I reported my mission to Hals.

June 13th, Friday. I wrote to Soren Nielsen, also visited some strangers, among which was also a school teacher and conversed with them about our belief. In the evening I attended a prayer meeting and spoke for a little while.

June 14th, Saturday. I wrote a letter to Maren Hansen, in Linvig and also one to Brother Domgaard in Hals and visited some of the saints.

June 15th, Sunday. Attended meeting and I occupied part of the time in speaking and praying with the saints. We had news from the great conference lately held in England.

June 16th. I wrote a letter to Brother Bjergaard and also visited some of the saints. Council meeting in the evening.

June 17th. I went to visit some of the saints in Gjestrup and in Linstrand, but did not find them at home.

June 18th. I visited brother Jens Jensen again and encouraged him to be firm in the faith and good works. In the evening council meeting and I opened with prayer.

June 19th. I wrote a letter to Brother Forsgreen in Copenhagen and also one to Chr. Christiansen in Hjorring. I blessed Brother S. Thomson for his sickness to be healed.

June 20th. I administered to Sister Maria Olsen for her sickness to be healed. Prayer meeting in the evening. I spoke some.

June 21st. I went to North Sundby and visited the saints.

June 22nd, Sunday and Fast Day. I blessed Maria and Julia Olsen and administered the sacrament. I spoke to the saints and the Spirit of God was with us and we had a time rejoicing. After meeting we went down to the water for the purpose of performing

the ordinance of baptism, and we sang a hymn, but before we got any farther, a great crowd of the people from the town had come down, and we tried to present to them the Gospel principles, but in vain. They only made a row and finally seized some of us to bring us before the chief priest that we should prove our doctrines before him, and to this we were more than willing. Two sailors had hold of me -- one under each arm -- and led me ahead of the crowd back to the city and the residence of the parson, but he would have nothing to do with us, although the people urged him very much to do so and he finally expelled them from his home, but he advised us to remain on his porch till the mob had dispersed, yet they would not leave, wherefore Brother Jensen and I started for our friend, Taylor Olsen, and the crowd followed us but did not harm us -- thanks to God. A man, Jens Olsen, defended us when we arrived there, but the mob afterwards went to our hall and did a great deal of damage there and stayed around there till late that evening. An incident in this mob scene I will mention. The time when I was violently taken away to the priest, I lost my hat and I entertained no hope of ever seeing it again, but after having passed about a whole block in the street, a small boy came along and pressing through the crowd brought it to me, which act on his part I consider was the inspiration from some good source for him to do so. When we arrived at Taylor Olsen, the parson, P. Miller, appeared and asked for an interview with Brother H. P. Jensen, but as he had gone home to Sundby, I had to take his place as defense therefore had a very long discourse with that clergyman upon the principles of the Gospel. I challenged him to prove his doctrine from the Bible and agreed to do the same with regard to our doctrine; in the heat of excitement, he sometimes became very angry and said many things about us that were untrue and unreasonable, and even when I would take the Bible to prove our doctrines, he would put his hand on it to prevent me from using it and at one time puffed me in the face with it. At last he became more rational, and in parting declared that our doctrines were pretty good sense after all. I bore my testimony to him concerning the mission of Joseph Smith, the prophet, and told him that when we should meet in the great Hereafter that he should know and remember my testimony. We parted friends. The mob, however, had continued their spoliation work at our hall till past midnight, when they were finally- dispersed by- the soldiery, which was called out to quell the disturbance, but at the same time arose a great thunder storm and lightning with rain, that helped still more to drive the mob home, we all felt very grateful for having escaped without any serious harm or bodily injury.

June 23rd, Monday. I wrote a letter to Brother Forsgreen and attended a council meeting in the evening in the house of Brother S. Thompson, and I was appointed to go to Hals the following Sunday. The mob had again gathered and soon they broke in a window, and the soldiers were again called out to disperse the mob, and two soldiers were placed to guard the door. Brother Jensen was obliged to remain with me through the night.

June 24th. I wrote letters to my brother Lauritz Larsen and to Elder P. O. Hansen. In the evening the mob again became very violent and broke in the windows in the house of Jens Olsen and Thomsen and again the soldiers had to be called out to disperse the mob, and the street was closed by a guard. While this hostile affair lasted, I passed from the Thomsen family to the Olsens and back again cheering and encouraging them and praying with them.

June 25th, Wednesday. I visited some of the saints that day and cheered them the best I could. In the evening the mob again made their appearance and broke in the windows in the homes of Brother Lind and Jens Thompson. I remained in the home of Brother Soren Thomsen in the hope that the mob would leave us in peace after 12 o'clock and we had our evening prayer and were about to retire and for safety I was just putting

a bolt in to secure the outside shutters of the window in the room which faced the street, when a stone struck the post and broke it without breaking the sashes or glass. In the larger room there were four or five windows which all were broken before the soldiers succeeded in dispersing the mob.

June 26th. This day Brother Soren Thomsen was arrested by the police, being accused of having thrown stones on the mob from an upstairs window, which, however was not true. I now went to North Sundby, intending to proceed farther on to Hals, but was met by one of our Sisters who had just come from there and she reported that the mob was raving mad there also and advised us not to go there for the present, and I, therefore, returned to Aalborg. In the evening the mob smashed the windows in the home of Brother H.P. Jensen and also made some damage to his outdoor property, his iron foundry.

June 27th. Brother Jens Thomsen and I spent the time out in the forest in prayer.

June 28th. After having visited some of the saints, Brother Jens Thomsen and I proceeded to Kjeldgaard.

June 29th, Sunday. We had a sacrament meeting with the saints, and afterwards I baptized Niels Mikkelsen.

June 30th, we went to Skustrup and Gistrup but found nobody at home, wherefore we returned to Aalborg. We found Elder Dykes had returned home from England, but that he had to go on board the same steamer that brought him, because the mob had gathered again with a special view of doing him harm.

JULY, 1851

1st. Elder Dykes and H.P. Jensen, the branch president, left for Copenhagen. I held a day of fasting.

2nd. I visited and encouraged the saints; in the evening attended council meeting. We were all very grateful to Heavenly Father who had shielded us from bodily harm under all these mob disturbances and I am a living witness to the beneficial effects it all had upon the saints, in strengthening them in their faith and perseverance and in drawing them nearer to God and one another, and from that time they were much more firm in the faith and although I was very young in years and also in the Church, I was able to help some of them along, especially those who had formerly been Baptists, and these persecutions also had awakened more interest in our faith among the people, and many who had been more or less indifferent had begun to investigate our doctrine and to attend our meetings.

3rd. I wrote a letter to Elder J. E. Forsgreen and also one to Brother Domgaard. Went afterwards to North Sundby and held a prayer meeting in the evening.

4th. I blessed the following children of Brother I. P. Jensen who were sick: Trine, Nanne, Jorgen, and Frederik, also wrote a letter for Sister Beckstrom.

5th. Went to Aalborg where I received a letter from Elder P. O. Hansen which I answered immediately.

6th. I fasted and attended a sacrament meeting in the house of Brother S. Thomson and preached to the saints. I also administered to a sick sister from Hasris.



7th. I wrote letters to Elder Dykes and to my brother Christen and to a Brother Meyer. In the evening I attended council meeting and offered the opening prayer.

8th. I wrote the saints in Hals, encouraging them; also a letter for Sister Olsen to Sister Bohn. Prayer meeting in the evening, where I used some of the time in speaking.

9th. Wrote a letter and then went to North Sundby, where I met Elder P. O. Hansen, who had arrived from Copenhagen and had sent for me to come. While waiting for the ferry boat, that should bring me across the fjord, I heard one of the ferrymen say that they would push me overboard into the water and one of them approached me within a few feet, no doubt to carry out the threat, yet I stood calm and with prayer to God in my heart and the man retreated like a dog to his seat, and none of them uttered a word to me afterwards.

10th, Thursday. Elder P. O. Hansen and I went to Aalborg and I wrote a letter to somebody.

11th. I visited some of the saints and in the evening attended prayer meeting.

12th. I, in company with Elder P.O. Hansen, visited with the saints.

13th, Sunday. I wrote a letter to Sister Jacobsen; afterwards held meeting and jointly we administered the sacrament. Elder P. O. Hansen brought words from Pres. E. Snow, that he wanted me to come to Copenhagen along with Elder Hansen, and I therefore expressed my thanks to the saints for their kindness towards me during the period of time that I had been with them. The saints provided me with the passage money, and we had a very happy day together.

14th. I took a final leave of the saints in Aalborg and at 5 o'clock the steamer left the wharf.

15th. Arrived in Copenhagen next morning at 8 o'clock. I wrote letters to Soren Thomson and to my parents. Later I was in company with Elder Dykes and other brethren and we had a happy time together, by singing and conversations. In the evening I attended a prayer meeting in the home of Rasmus Andersen and talked to the saints there.

16th. In company with Elder H.P. Jensen I visited a Mr. Maler. He admitted that our doctrines were very reasonable in many respects. Later in the day we went to Amager, a suburb of the capitol, and conversed with several persons, but found much opposition from them.

17th. Visited some of the saints and in the evening attended a meeting, where I bore my testimony and preached by request of Brother Forsgreen.

18th. I wrote a letter to my parents and in the evening I attended council meeting.

19th. I wrote a letter of encouragement to the saints in Aalborg.

20th. I attended a meeting; preached and administered the sacrament.

21st. In company with Brother H.P. Jensen I visited and preached to Knudsen in Brondby-Easten. He was married to a sister H.P. Jensen.

22nd. Went to Copenhagen and conversed with some strangers. In the evening attended a prayer meeting.

23rd. Wrote a letter to my betrothed girl and also one to Brother Freese. Attended the ordinance of baptism in the evening.

24th. I preached to some strangers in a meeting; in the evening I attended council meeting where I and Brother William Andersen were appointed to go to Wreslosemagle the following Sunday.

26th. I wrote to my sweetheart and in the evening I preached to some strangers on Amager. I baptized a widow, Christine Christensen that night.

27th. In company with Brother William Andersen, I went to Wreslosemagle and held a small meeting; we distributed some tracts among the people, and then we returned to Brondby-Easten, where we remained over night.

28th. We went into the city (Copenhagen) and some of the saints were in a park called Sondermark, where we had a picnic and singing and prayer. There was that day an eclipse of the sun. In the evening I attended a council meeting, where I gave a report concerning a brother who had requested to be cut off from the church.

29th. I wrote a letter to my sweetheart and in the evening attended prayer meeting.

30th. I visited several of the saints and administered consolation to some who were low in spirit.

31st. In the evening, in a meeting, I preached to some strangers.

## AUGUST, 1851

1st. In the evening attended council meeting and I was there appointed to go to Hichholm, in company with Brother Linberg, next Sunday, to hold meeting.

2nd. I wrote to the saints in Aalborg and Hals. In the evening I baptized P. Danielsen and his wife and also a girl, Caroline Samuelsen. On the way home from baptism, some mobbers pelted us with stones, but none of us were hurt, thanks to God.

3rd. Sunday. Brother Linberg and I proceeded to Herchholm to hold meeting with the saints and administer the sacrament. After meeting we took the passage on a steamer for Copenhagen. I found out that Pres. Erastus Snow had arrived from England and that he had gone to railroad station to meet Elder Dykes who had come in from the country and I, therefore, also went down there.

4th. I found opportunity to bear my testimony to several families of strangers.

5th. I wrote a letter to my sweetheart, Barbara, and afterwards I visited and blessed Brother Christensen in Brand Street. In the evening I attended a prayer meeting.

6th. I went to Brondby-Easter and conversed with Jens Knudsen and family about the Gospel. In the evening I had a long conversation with a Mrs. Nielsen in the city.

7th. I wrote a letter to my brother Johannes, and in company with Elder Dykes, visited some of the saints. Attended a meeting in the evening.

8th. Spent the day in visiting among the saints. In company with Elder Dykes went to council meeting where I was appointed in company with H.P. Jensen and F. F. Dorius to go to Hirschholm the following Sunday to preach the Gospel.

9th. I wrote to my beloved Barbara and to the saints in Aalborg. Later in the day went by steamer to Hirschholm.

10th. Elder H.P. Jensen, Dorius and I conversed with several families upon the principles of the Gospel and distributed some tracts among them.

11th. Brother Dorius and I were out tracting among the people.

12th. We went on foot to Copenhagen, and on the way we visited a family of Baptists; we found them unwilling to accept our testimony, yet they gave us dinner. In the afternoon, a number of the saints assembled on the park, Frederiksberg, and we had a very enjoyable time. Erastus Snow spoke to us. In the evening I baptized a man by name Ibsen.

13th. I had a conversation with a woman who did say that she would be baptized as soon as she could have an opportunity to have it done. I went next to Jens Knudsen in Brøndby-Easter, where I spent the whole afternoon in explanation of the principles of the Gospel to him and his family, and they agreed to be baptized. About 11 o'clock that night we went to a place called "Lamhuset" where I baptized Jens Knudsen and his wife and a son. It was then 12 o'clock.

14th. I went to town (Copenhagen) and spent the day visiting among the saints and in attending meeting.

15th. Visited among the saints and attended meeting in the evening.

16th. I wrote a letter to Barbara Olsen, my intended wife to be, and Mrs. Olsen, her mother, and also wrote a letter to Brother Thompson. In the afternoon the conference was opened by Apostle Erastus Snow, and we received much valuable instruction from him and Forsgreen and Dykes, under the influence of the Holy Spirit. In the evening I baptized Stine Knudsen.

17th. This day attended conference and I administered the sacrament in the afternoon. In the evening Pres. E. Snow moved that I should be ordained an Elder, which was sustained by a unanimous vote, and I was ordained an Elder under the hands of Elders John E. Forsgreen and Dykes and Jensen.

18th. I visited a lady who had expressed a desire for baptism, but found that she had changed her mind, because she had been persuaded not to do so by a Lutheran prospective minister, with whom she had been engaged as housekeeper. In the evening the conference was continued and I attended. President Snow asked the brethren if any of them had any special place where they would like to be sent as missionaries, and I expressed a desire to be sent to the country district where I was born and raised. In consequence of this. Priest William Andersen and I were appointed to proceed to Fredericia and vicinity as missionaries. Much good instruction was given us by E. Snow and then he adjourned the conference and closed with prayer.

19th. President Snow wished me to remain in Copenhagen during the remainder of the week, so as to hold meeting the following Sunday, and I had intended to do so, and I wrote to my intended and to Christoffer Olsen, but in the evening, in a prayer meeting, when I was set apart and blessed by E. Snow, I felt a strong desire to proceed at once upon my mission, and I told Pres. Snow of my desire and feelings of not remaining over Sunday in Copenhagen, and he advised us to go ahead and take the first chance that was offered, and we concluded to take the steamer the next morning.

21st. At 5 o'clock A. M., the steamer left Copenhagen and at 7 P.M. o'clock we arrived in Horsens, in Jutland, and started from there on foot for the home of my parents, a distance of twenty miles. As we were thus travelling we fell in with a discharged soldier to whom we imparted our testimony and he accepted it and believed. He was invited to go with us home and we arrived at my parents at 12 o'clock in the night, and found my father, mother, my brothers and sisters all well, and the wife of my brother Johannes, whose name was Anna, had just given birth to a baby girl the Sunday previous and named after me, and was also the first child that I blessed as an Elder.

22nd, Friday. I baptized that soldier, whose name was Thomas. In the evening we held a small meeting, administered the sacrament and I confirmed that soldier by the laying on of hands. My parents were very happy over my visit and took a great interest in what I told them about the Gospel.

23rd. I wrote a report to Pres. Snow and Elder Dykes.

24th, Sunday. Brothers William Andersen and my brother Lauritz went on a mission to Linvig, and I held a small meeting in the forenoon with brother Johannes and his wife and a brother Ole who had been baptized by my brother the previous Sunday, and I confirmed Ole under the laying on of hands. In the afternoon I held a meeting and preached about an hour and 30 minutes, after which I asked if any one present had anything to say, either for or against what I had said, then they might have the privilege to do so. At this request my father arose and with tears in his eyes, he said that he believed it all and that he desired baptism and likewise did my sister and my mother rise and ask for baptism and a man named Niels Beck, a gardener by trade and after the close of the meeting I baptized them and we all felt that we were abundantly blessed and the spirit of God was present in our midst while our hearts were filled with gratitude.

25th. I wrote letters to Erastus Snow, G.P. Dykes, Jensen, Petersen and my girl. Afterwards I visited some families and conversed with them so concerning the Gospel.

26th. I went to Veile and also to Osterviggaard, offering the Gospel to the people.

27th. I sent Brother William Andersen to "Store Lime," Big Leeme, where lived some Baptists. I went to Fredericia, where I met K. H. Brown, a Brother.

28th. I met and conversed with some strangers and offered them the Gospel. In the evening had a meeting in the home of Ebbe Jessen, and after meeting the wife of Ebbe Jessen was baptized by K.H. Brown.

29th. I wrote letters to saints in Copenhagen and in Aalborg. In the evening held meeting at J.B. Eliassen. I confirmed Anna Jens Klidt and Ebbe Jessen's wife and administered the sacrament.

30th. I went to Veile and bore my testimony to a Mr. Christensen, a merchant and arrived at my parents in the evening.

31st. We had a meeting in the home of my brother, Johannes. When I had been talking a while, four wagons loaded with people drove up to the house from Veile giving me additional opportunity to preach, and some of them seemed very attentive, while others were only mocking. We distributed some of our tracts among them. Afterwards a great crowd came direct from church, and a school teacher, Leback was with them; he had been my teacher at school and I had a long discourse with him, but to no avail, for he became very excited and would not listen to any reference to the Bible or permit me to do so on proofs of our assertions and finally he ran out of the house, shouting: "False Teachers". A son of the village parson, by name Paul Krag, cried out "Set fire to the whole outfit and burn it up. " But although there was a great deal of tumult yet no one was hurt. I had some argument with the sons of Leback, Danial and Ludvig and Seminarist, but the most that they had to say was "false doctrines" and to condemn us for teaching it. After this unruly crowd had left, I confirmed my father, mother and sister Stine and also Niels Beck as members of the church, by the ordinance of the laying on of hands. Afterwards I administered the sacrament and blessed my sister's little boy Niels Jensen.

## SEPTEMBER, 1851

1st. I spent part of the day in writing and reading. In the evening Brother William Andersen arrived from "Big Lime, " where he had baptized three persons, which gave us much joy. From Pres. E. Snow, I had received a letter, dated August 28th in which he said: "Now you can see why you were so anxious to reach your parental home instead of staying the week in Copenhagen,." and he added: "You have now become the spiritual father to your father's house. "

2nd. I wrote letters to Pres. E. Snow and my brother Christen Larsen, K.H. Brown and my girl.

3rd. I this day consecrated and blessed a bottle of sweet oil, and conversed with several people on the doctrines of the Gospel.

4th. I wrote a letter to Maria Hansen, a woman who had joy in our doctrine but her husband would not permit any missionary to enter his house. Also that day, I blessed Sister Maria Larsen, who was sick.

5th. I visited some strangers and testified to them of the Gospel.

6th. Brother William Andersen and I went to Veile and then separated, he going to Fredericia and I to Big Lime (Store Lime) to a Baptist. Christen Larsen, and I stayed there over night.

7th, Sunday. In the afternoon I held a meeting at the home of Niels Larsen and in the evening at our Baptist friend. Christen Larsen. I administered the ordinance of laying on of hands, confirming the following persons members of the church: Jens Perersen and wife, Anna Maria; and Anna M. Sorensen and after I had spoken awhile under the influence of the spirit of God, the following persons arose and asked for baptism: Christen Larsen and his wife, son and daughter and also Niels Larsen and I baptized them that evening and confirmed them all. Afterwards I administered the sacrament and gave instructions to the new members about their duties to the church.

8th. I returned with Brother Niels to his parents farm in Tarring and on our

way we visited and bore our testimony to several families. We remained in or

9th. We visited many people in the neighborhood and bore our testimonies to them concerning the Gospel and our mission. I also visited my father's sister Kirstens, who had carried me to the baptismal font, where the priest poured a handful of water on my head, calling the baptism. I not only testified to her the true way but the Gospel, and finally I reached my parental home in Greis.

10th. I spent the day reading and writing.

11th. I wrote a letter to Elder P. O. Hansen in Copenhagen.

12th, Friday. I was in the town of Veile.

14th. I held a meeting in my father's house and administered the sacrament and afterwards we were going to baptize Anders Nielsen, but his employer, Anders Christensen, who held a small public office in the parish, came and compelled him to follow him to his home.

15th. I spent the time reading.

16th. I wrote a letter to my sweetheart and Thomson in Aalborg.

17th. I went to Fredericia and held meeting in the evening. I spoke to the saints concerning their duties towards God and one another, and I administered the ordinance of laying on of hands to Jens Kledt, Jens Jensen and his wife and mother, and afterwards we all partook of the sacrament together.

18th, Thursday. I wrote letters to Pres. E. Snow and my brother Christen. Afterwards I visited among the saints.

19th. Friday. I blessed two of Brother Jessen's children and one of Brother Kledt's children and then I went to my parents.

20th. I went to Store Lime by way of Veile.

21st, Sunday. I held meeting at Brother Niels Larsen, but about 4 o'clock in the afternoon the parson, Mr. Svejstrup, together with another priest and four school teachers accompanied by a big crowd of people arrived and a long debate followed on the doctrines that we promulgated versus their Lutheran doctrines, but by the assistance of the spirit of God, we came off victorious, but as they could not prove theirs from the Bible. Some few of them became unruly, but when they all had left, with the exception of a few strangers and the saints, I baptized a woman, Anna Mette, who had been converted to the Gospel by what we had heard in our discourse with the parson. I then administered the ordinance of confirmation on her, and blessed her child and two of Christen Larsen's children and we next partook of the sacrament together and I also instructed them in their duties towards God and one another.

22nd, Monday. My brother Lauritz and I went to Greis. On the way we had a conversation with a man from Brendal.

23rd. I wrote a letter to my sweetheart. I also visited some of the saints and other families and conversed with them upon Gospel principles. As my mother was sick, I blessed her for her health.

24th. I wrote a letter to Pres. E. Snow and also to my brother Christen, and

K. H. Brown.

25th. I spent the time by reading and on the 26th I fasted and on the 28th I anointed Sister Anna Larsen, who was sick.

28th, Sunday. Held a meeting in my father's house and administered the sacrament. Later I baptized Anders Nielsen and confirmed him. We had a very enjoyable time together.

29th and 30th. I repaired my clothing.  
OCTOBER, 1851

1st. I wrote to Brother C. Christiansen.

2nd. I wrote to Brother K.H. Bruhn and then traveled to Store Lime by way of Veile.

3rd. I visited and talked with some of the saints and also strangers concerning principles of the Gospel, and held a meeting in the evening.

4th, Saturday. After having visited some of the saints, I went home to my father's and there I found Brother K. H. Bruhn had arrived.

5th, Sunday. We held a meeting in my father's house and the saints were organized into a branch of the church called Greis Branch. My brother Johannes Larsen was appointed its president and my two other brothers, Christen and Lauritz were ordained Teachers and Niels Beck, Deacon. We partook of the sacrament and I instructed the saints in their duties towards God and one another and we had a very enjoyable time together. Afterwards my brother Johannes Larsen baptized Maria Simonsen and I confirmed her and then we had a love feast in my father's house.

6th. I wrote a letter to Pres. E. Snow.

7th. I traveled to Fredericia and held a meeting there in the evening.

8th. I wrote letters to Elder P. O. Hansen and my girl, and afterwards, William Andersen, Ebbe Jessen and I went out and rented a room in which we intended to hold public meetings, for twenty-five Danish dollars -- each dollar worth 50 cents -- per quarter. The location was in Mr. Bjerring's property, a public inn.

9th. I visited this day some of the saints and also strangers to whom I bore my testimony.

10th. I this day crossed over to the island "Fyne" - Fyen - and visited a clergyman Foens in the town of Midlebart -- he takes the "Scandinavian Star;" likewise Mr. Hvid, a miller, who is a subscriber for that periodical, and I bore my testimony to them concerning our doctrine, and I finally went to farmer Rasmus Nielsen, where I stayed over night.

11th, Saturday. I went to a man by name, Lars Jensen, a freighter, but it appeared that he and also his women folks, were scared and hesitated to have much talk with me, but I succeeded in having quite a conversation with another man that was present, his name was Hendrik, a tobacco worker, and he condemned both me and our doctrines to hell, but this seemed to bring the family to reflect upon what

they had heard, and they provided for me some food and as we parted they invited me to call again. Lars Nielsen ferried me across the sound to Fredericia in the evening and I felt that some of these people would embrace the truth.

12th, Sunday. I preached both in the forenoon and in the afternoon in meeting and confirmed Lars Nielsen and Niels Johansen members of the church. Afterwards I was ferried over to Strib of Fyne where I held a meeting at Lars Jensen's and I felt that our testimony would bear fruits.

13th, Monday. I wrote a letter to Pres. E. Snow and also one to my girl. Later William Andersen and I went to Greis, where we put up with my parents for the night.

14th. I wrote to my girl.

15th. I went to Store Lime and held a meeting at the house of Sister Anna Marie and talked to the saints present.

16th. I visited among both saints and strangers and preached the word of God in the evening, and I anointed and blessed brother Jens, who was sick.

17th, Friday. Brother William Andersen and I went to "Balle, " to Mads Christensen. He and his wife had been baptized by Priest K.H. Bruhn, and I confirmed them as members of the church and instructed them in their duties as such and I also blessed their four children. From there we went to my parents and I there blessed Brother William Andersen, who had taken sick.

18th, Saturday. I traveled to Fredericia.

19th, Sunday. I held meeting in that city and confirmed Effe Jessen and also blessed three children who were sick. I ordained Jens Jensen a Deacon in that branch. We had expected a visit from Pres. E. Snow, but he did not come.

20th. I received a letter from E. Snow, wherein he stated the cause that prevented him from coming, I went afterwards to "Foldingbro, " in company with K.H. Bruhn. We arrived there at 9 o'clock in the evening.

21st. We went to "Brous" to the mother of Brother Bruhn, arriving there at 4 o'clock p.m. and we blessed her.

22nd. We visited people in different places that day, and in the evening Brother Bruhn baptized his own sister, Stine and after having instructed her about the duties of a saint, I confirmed her a member of the church by the ordinance of the laying on of hands. Afterwards we blessed Brother Bruhn's mother and his sister Barbara, who were sick.

23rd. We again visited several families and bore our testimonies to them. Brother Bruhn's mother, who had been an invalid for several years, requested baptism, and we bore her down to the water and baptized her. I confirmed her a member by the laying on of hands and instructed those present in their duties as saints and then we partook of the sacrament together.

24th. We left very early that morning and came to a woman in "Barschu" who is midwife of the district, and we tarried there over night, explained the Gospel to her family.



25th. We traveled to Fredericia and on the way we visited and explained the Gospel to the people.

26th. I spoke in the meetings, both in the forenoon and the afternoon and administered also the sacrament. I anointed and blessed Brother Ebbe Jessen's sore leg, with which he had been afflicted 18 years and it became healed in a short time.

27th, Monday. I wrote a letter to Elder John E. Forsgreen and also visited some of the saints and held a small meeting in the evening.

28th. I went to Greis, my parental home.

29th. I wrote a letter to the saints in Boen and to Brother Miller in Copenhagen concerning his family. I fasted this day.

30th. I wrote a letter to Serine Simensen. In the evening I spoke in a meeting.

31st. My brother Christen and I visited our uncle, our mother's brother in Seu(or n)jerks.

NOVEMBER, 1851

1st, Saturday. I went to "Balle" and stayed there over night.

2nd, Sunday. I was in "Store Lime", and my brothers, Johannes, Christen, and Lauritz, and my father came there, and we held a meeting at Jens Petersens where several of the brethren spoke under the influence of the spirit of God. I blessed by the laying on of hands, Brother Henningsen and his wife and also Marie Poulsen, and I ordained my brother Christen to the office of priest, which is the first man that I have ordained to that office. William Andersen and Jens Jensen were appointed to proceed to the island of "Fyne" to spread the Gospel farther and from there to go to Copenhagen, to attend the conference. We felt, all of us, greatly blessed in that meeting, and from there I went, in company with my father and my brothers, to Greis.

3rd. I wrote a letter to Pres. E. Snow.

4th. I wrote a letter to my girl and to Serine Simmensen. In the evening I held a meeting in my father's house. I had intended to go to Aalborg, but the spirit restrained me so I did not go. In the afternoon K.H. Bruhn arrived, bringing from Fredericia good news, and in our meeting that evening after I had been speaking, my own sister, Maren, requested baptism, and my brother Johannes administered that holy ordinance to her, and I confirmed her by the laying on of hands, and we rejoiced and partook of the sacrament and had a glorious time together. I rejoiced then for having obeyed the whisperings of the spirit and that I had not gone to Aalborg.

5th. Brother K.H. Bruhn and I proceeded to "Store Lime" where we held a meeting in Brother Henningsen's house, where several strangers were present. I blessed two children, and we had an enjoyable time together.

6th. I visited some of the saints in their homes, and held a meeting with them in the evening in the home of Brother Niels Larsen.

7th. Brother K. H. Bruhn and I went to Fredericia.

8th. I fasted that day and visited among the saints, encouraging and teaching them to serve God and remain faithful.

9th. I arranged the record book for our branch before going to comfort the saints and to conference. In the afternoon I held a meeting with the saints and enjoined upon them the importance of attending to prayer and living up to the requirements of the Gospel during our absence. In the afternoon I crossed over to Fyne in company with K. H. Bruhn and my brother Johannes, and held meeting at Lars Jensen's. At the close of the meeting he arose and asked for baptism, and declared that he believed this doctrine was from God. His daughter, Karen, also requested baptism, and I administered that holy ordinance to them and in the evening and also confirmed them by the laying on of hands. At a meeting that was held the same evening we organized the members into a branch of the church naming it the "Fredericia Branch" and ordained Lars Jensen a priest and set him apart as its president; Ebbe Jessen we ordained a teacher, to assist the president. We partook jointly of the sacrament and we had a feast of rejoicing together. There were several strangers present and we bore our testimony forcible to them, but some of them were not convinced, while others were.

10th. As soon as I arose in the morning, a girl came in and asked for baptism, and at once got ready and baptized her and also confirmed her, by the laying on of hands. After this was done, we, Jens Larsen, K.H. Bruhn, and Lars Nielsen and myself started on our journey for Copenhagen to attend the conference there. We were taken in a wagon to Middelfart, from whence we went on foot to Odense, where we arrived late in the evening and took lodgings for the night.

12th. We walked to a village Frankerup where lived some of the saints, who received us and made us welcome. Jens Nielsen, K.H. Bruhn and Jens Larsen went with a sister to a place called Soudre Overdrev, while I remained to hold a meeting with the saints in Frankerup, in the house of Brother Andersen and I there administered the ordinance of laying on of hands on four persons, and afterwards I administered the sacrament and also spoke to them, feeling that I was under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and we all felt grateful to God for His blessings.

13th. Brother Jensen accompanied me to Soudre Overdrev and on the way we visited a family and explained the principles of the Gospel to them. When we left, the head of that family accompanied us to the meeting that was held that same evening in the house of Brother Jacobsen, in Soudre Overdrev. There had existed some difficulties among the saints in that neighborhood, but by the help of God we succeeded in bringing these people to see their wrongs and repent, and a feeling of mutual forgiveness took possession of them all. After I had talked to them a while, I administered the sacrament to them and a good feeling seemed to prevail all around. About half past one o'clock in the morning we left the people to proceed on foot to Roeskilde, and some of them went with us on the way to Roeskilde, where we took the train for Copenhagen and arrived there at two o'clock in the afternoon.

14th, Friday. That evening there was a council meeting and we there met many brethren who had come in to attend conference and it was a happy meeting.

15th, Saturday. I attended conference. Apostle E. Snow presided. It was moved and carried by a unanimous vote that South Jutland (now called Schleswig) together with the island of Funen and surrounding districts be organized into a conference, called Fredericia Conference and that Christian Larsen was to preside over the same, and

that William Andersen, Jens Hansen, and F. C. Sorensen labor in that conference as missionaries under Elder Larsen's direction.

16th. Likewise, that Aalborg district be organized as a conference, named Aalborg Conference, and that Elder Christian Christiansen preside over the same. That the saints in Copenhagen district be organized into a conference called Copenhagen Conference and that Elder John E. Forsgreen preside over the same. In the afternoon I occupied a short time speaking. It was moved by President E. Snow in the meeting the previous day that William Andersen should be ordained an Elder and Jens Hansen to the office of Priest and it was so done, and accepted by unanimous consent. This conference was held in a hall in Lille Kongensgade and the large room was full to overflowing and an excellent spirit prevailed. President Snow offered the benediction at the close of the meeting.

17th. Meetings were held in the afternoon and evening and I, like the other brethren who had been on missions, gave report of our experiences and our labors in the field. President Snow gave us much valuable instruction, and under his hands I was blessed and set apart for my mission as president of Fredericia Conference.

18th. In company with several other brethren I was invited and took dinner with a Brother Petersen, and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock I took steamer for Aalborg, together with Brother H. P. Jensen and we arrived in that city the next morning about 9 o'clock.

19th. I wrote a letter to Elder Chr. Christiansen. In the evening I attended a council meeting and I was requested to visit a certain sister Poulsen, who had denied the faith, and to try to bring her back to the fold. Brother Jens Thomson was to go with me on this errand. I was also requested to visit the saints in Kjeld Gaard before I returned to Fredericia. I offered up the benediction at the close of the meeting.

20th. My betrothed girl and I were taken in a wagon to Kjeld Gaard, by Brother Knud Nielsen.

21st. We visited the saints in Kjeld Gaard and had a fine time with them.

22nd. I wrote a letter to Sister Serine Simmonden in Store Lime.

23rd. This day I fasted and held a meeting at Niels Mikkelsen's and we partook of the sacrament together. I preached, encouraging the saints to be faithful to the , covenant. In the evening we had a prayer meeting and the spirit of God was in our midst and we were blessed.

24th, Monday. Brother Knud Nielsen took my betrothed and me to Aalborg. After arriving there. Brother Jens Thomson and I went to see Sister Poulsen, but we did not find her at home. We visited Frederic Nielsen and administered to his wife, who was sick. In the evening I attended council meeting; opened with prayer and made some remarks and administered to Sister Olsen who was sick.

25th. I wrote a letter to S. Thomsen. Frederick Nielsen came and informed me that his wife was very sick, and at his request, Brother Jens Thomsen and I went with him to his home. At our arrival there we discerned by the spirit that his wife was possessed of an evil spirit, and I asked the brethren present to exercise all their faith that the Lord might give us power over it. We then placed our hands upon her head and commanded the evil spirit to depart from her, in the name of Jesus Christ, and

while the evil spirit did convulse her in all parts of her body and she was gnashing her teeth, the evil spirit did leave her. Afterwards Brother Nielsen told us that the same evil spirit came very near overpowering him also, because he doubted in the effect of our administration. Sister Nielsen told us afterwards, when she had recovered, that she saw a big black dog lying on her bed across her feet, staring with its big eyes out through the window. After this, we went to the before mentioned Sister Poulsen in order to settle some difficulties between her and Sister Nielsen, but we found her very stubborn and refused to go with us to Sister Nielsen to straighten up. At last she promised to be at home the next day that we might bring Sister Nielsen to her house. Brother Nielsen was a good man but he, like several others who had left the Baptist organization, was occasionally in fear that he had made a mistake by that step, but from that time, when his wife was so miraculously healed, I never afterwards heard of any doubt on his part. Everything will serve for good to those who love the Lord.

26th. Brother Jens Thomsen and I were called upon to administer to Sister Nielsen who was sick. Afterwards we went to Sister Poulsen but we did not find her at home. From there we went to Sister Frederick Nielsen, who was not quite well and then we went to Sister Poulsen again, but she had not returned home, and consequently their difficulties were not settled that day. In the evening I attended the council meeting, opened with prayer and gave report of our visit to Kjeldgaard, and talked to the brethren some. Two brethren from Lundsten, were reported in transgression and instead of confessing and repenting, they asked to be cut off from the church, and I moved that their request should be complied with, and it was. I anointed and blessed Brother John Bohn and Sister Barbara Olsen (my betrothed) as they were sick.

27th. I went to North Sundby and attended prayer meeting and spoke to the saints concerning my mission to South Jutland, Fredericia and the island, Fyen.

28th. I returned to Aalborg and Brother Jens Thomsen and I were requested to anoint and bless Sister Frederick Fredericksen, and the Lord did answer our prayer, for she was healed. From there we went to Frederick Nielsen and again to Sister Poulsen, but we did not find her at home. In the evening we attended a prayer meeting and had a good time.

29th. We visited Sister Poulsen again and we tried much to prevail on her to go with us to Sister Nielsen, who was still too feeble to walk over to her, but she was very stubborn and would not yield, I had talked plainly to each of them separately in their respective homes and stated what likely would be the consequences if they did not submit and settle their difficulties. When we came to Sister Olsen, we found her sick, but after administering to her, she got well.

30th. I wrote a letter to the saints in Brou. Attended meeting and in the forenoon, I offered the dedicatory prayer and in the afternoon I blessed Brother Bohn's child, and together with Elder H.P. Jensen blessed several persons and administered the sacrament. I also addressed the saints that afternoon and the spirit rested upon us in great measure. This was a Sunday.

DECEMBER, 1851

1st. Brother H. P. Jensen gave me two dollars (50 cents each) to help me on my journey and I took leave of the saints in Aalborg and started by the stage for Fredericia, via Hobro, and I conversed freely with my travelling companions on the way to the last named place.

2nd. I walked to Flesøer, where Brother Jense Thomson was a missionary. We, jointly, visited a family where we found opportunity to speak to several persons about our doctrines.

3rd, Wednesday. I wrote two letters and in the evening we held a meeting, where quite a crowd of people were in attendance. I had many questions to answer, but succeeded in satisfying the people and praised God for His assistance.

4th. I left Brother Thomson and walked to Skanderborg, where I stayed over night.

5th. I walked to Greis, where I met Brother F. C. Sorensen at my parent's home.

6th. I wrote a letter to Elder George P. Dykes, in Hamburg, and spent the remainder of the day in reading.

7th, Sunday. I wrote a letter to Pres. Snow and also held a meeting in the house of my parents, where we also partook of the sacrament. In the evening I baptized and confirmed Rasmus Johansen (for many years after coming to Utah, Bishop in Provo -- he was like the man that Philip converted and baptized. See Acts 8th). We had a very enjoyable time together.

8th and 9th. I spent by reading and also wrote letters to my betrothed girl and Brother Christen Larsen.

10th. I walked to Store Lime and held a meeting in the house of Christen Madsen, and afterwards I confirmed him and his wife as members of the church and likewise Sister Hemmesen. I also blessed Chr. Madsen's child and ordained Brother Niels Beck a Priest, to have charge of the saints in that locality.

11th. After having visited a few of the saints, I went to Orstingaard and thence to Greis, where I attended a prayer meeting in the evening in the home of my parents and a very good spirit prevailed.

12th. I went to Ziersback, to Brother Rasmus Johansen, In the evening and baptized his wife and confirmed her by the laying on of hands, and I also blessed their child.

13th. I blessed two of their children and then went to Fredericia.

14th. I preached in the meetings, both in the forenoon and in the afternoon, and a good spirit prevailed. In the evening we held a council meeting and it was there decided that a conference should be held in Fredericia the following 24th and 25th of December.

15th. I wrote letters to Pres E. Snow, John E. Forsgreen and Chr. Christiansen.

16th. I spent part of the day in reading and had also some conversation with visitors about the Gospel. I crossed over to Fyen in the evening and spent the night at Lars Jensen's.

17th. He accompanied me to several places that day, and we conversed with folks about the Gospel, and we finally reached Rasmus Nielsen, and had a long conversation with them also. They accepted our testimony and we had an enjoyable time with them.

18th, Thursday. The wife of Rasmus Nielsen went with us in a wagon to Lars Jensen's and he baptized her. We held a meeting in the evening and after I had explained to them the ordinance of the laying on of hands, I confirmed her a member of the church under that ordinance and we felt very grateful to the Lord for His blessings.

19th. I had talked with several persons concerning the Gospel that day, and two of them were baptized soon after.

20th. I baptized Anna Sophie Larsen and afterwards went to Fredericia, where I assisted by Brother Ebbe Jessen fixed up the records of that branch.

21st, Sunday. I fasted that day and was called to come over to Fyen, where I then baptized Rasmus Nielsen, and in the afternoon we held a meeting, where I instructed the saints in their duties towards God and each other, and then I confirmed Rasmus Nielsen a member of the church, by the laying on of hands, and also Sophie Larsen. In the evening we had a sacrament meeting with the saints. Later I baptized Lars Jacobsen and a widow by name Anna and after explaining the ordinance, I confirmed them by the laying on of hands, and we felt to praise God for the progress of his work.

22nd. I wrote to my girl, and also to the saints in Brous, and also conversed with some strangers, to whom I bore my testimony of the Gospel.

23rd. I visited a family on the island of Fyen, and found them acceptable for my testimony.

24th. I was at Brother Rasmus Nielsen, and had a chance to speak with a stranger about the Gospel and afterwards I went to Lars Jensen's and we held a meeting there in the evening.

25th. This day, our appointed conference commenced at 10 a.m. My brother Johannes Larsen was ordained an Elder, and sustained as president of the Greis Branch, and Lars Jensen was also ordained an Elder, to preside over the Fredericia Branch. Elder F. C. Sorensen was appointed to labor in the two branches; Greis and Store Lime, and Niels R. Beck as his assistant. My brother Lauritz Larsen, was ordained a Priest and Rasmus Johansen was ordained a Deacon, both of them to labor in Greis Branch, and Niels Larsen was ordained a Deacon, to labor in Store Lime Branch; Ebbe Jessen and Jens Jensen were ordained Priests; Soren Iversen and J. Jacobsen were ordained Teachers, and Jess Jessen was ordained a Deacon, all these to labor in the Fredericia Branch; Elder William Andersen and Priest Jens Hansen were appointed to labor in Fyen. Finally I ordained all these brethren, and we had a very enjoyable time. Some of these ordinations were performed on the 26th, and Jesse Jessen acted as clerk, and he assisted me in arranging the records.

27th. We had a council meeting in the evening.

28th. I held a meeting that day -- a Sunday -- on the island of Fyen.

29th, Monday. I had that day opportunities to converse with quite a few strangers about the principles of the Gospel.

30th. Brother Lars Jensen and I went to a priest. Fours Mejlby, and we had quite a lengthy conversation with him upon religion, but he, like most all others who pretend to be learned, was very stubborn and angry before we left him. I bore my testimony to him with all the power I possessed that Joseph Smith was indeed a prophet of God and that our Doctrines, as promulgated by him, was the true gospel of Christ. In the evening we held a meeting in the house of Brother Lars Jensen.

31st. I wrote some that day and also preached to a family, explaining to them the principles of the Gospel.

JANUARY, 1852

1st. I went over to Fredericia and attended a prayer meeting in the evening.

2nd. I wrote a letter to my girl and held a meeting in the evening.

3rd. I went over to Fyen and held meeting there in the evening. I wrote a letter to Elder Chr. Christiansen that day.

4th, Sunday. Brother Lars Jensen brought me to Brother Rasmus Nielsen, and we held a sacramental meeting and also blessed two children and afterwards we returned to Brother Lars Jensen's home.

5th. I wrote a letter to Elder George P. Dykes and my brother Chr. G. Larsen and later I went to Fredericia, where I attended a council meeting in the evening, where we excommunicated a brother from the church. Several of the brethren were appointed to go out in the surrounding country districts to offer the Gospel, to the people.

6th. I had an opportunity to talk to some of our friends, who had some faith in our doctrines.

7th. I visited some of the saints that day and in the evening I attended a meeting and spoke to them.

8th. I crossed over to Fyen twice that day, and answered some questions that had come up.

9th. I went to Parson Fous, in the city Middelfart, delivering the "Scandinavian Star, " and I had a brief talk with him, but he would only rail against Joseph Smith's character.

10th. This day I had opportunities to bear my testimony to many strangers.

11th. I returned to Fredericia and held meetings there, both in the afternoon and in the evening and administered the sacrament.

12th. I had the opportunity to speak to two families, and in the evening I attended a council meeting, speaking to the brethren of the priesthood.

13th. I walked to Greis where I arrived at 4 p.m. and put up with my parents.

14th. My two brothers, Johannes and Lauritz, accompanied me to Vindelev, where we held a large meeting, but we found much opposition and abuse in words by some of the people, yet no violence. After the meeting, we blessed two of Brother

Ericksen's children.

15th, 16th, and 17th. I stayed at home with my parents and studied.

18th. I went to Store Lime and held a sacrament meeting with the saints. In the evening held a council meeting, helped settling some difficulties that had arisen among the members -- Christen Christensen and a shoemaker N. N.

19th. Elder F. C. Sorensen and I blessed three persons that were sick. We also admonished and encouraged Christen Madsen and his wife, who were apparently wavering in their faith.

20th. We went to Balle, to some saints, and blessed a sick child.

21st. I held a meeting with these people and I spoke.

22nd. I visited some of the saints in their homes, we visited also some on Oesteng Gaard (East Meadow Estate), and from there we went to Greis to my parents.

23rd. I visited the saints in Tirspek.

24th. Returned to my parents in Greis.

25th. In company with my brothers, Johannes and Lauritz and Brother Winberg, I held a meeting at Brother Ericksen's in Vindelev, and in the afternoon we held sacrament meeting in the house of my parents. In the evening we held a meeting at Brother Rasmus Johansen's in Tirspek, and we had a large congregation and the spirit of God, in a goodly degree, was present.

26th. In company with Brother Winberg and Andersen, I went to Fredericia. We held a council meeting in the evening. A brother Jens Jensen, asked to be released from his office and it was done. The other brethren spoke and I offered the benediction.

27th. This day we had Gospel conversations with several strangers.

28th. I wrote a letter to my girl and in the evening we had a meeting. The other brethren were the speakers.

29th and 30th. I wrote correspondence to the "Scandinavian Star", and I also visited some people, explaining the Gospel to them.

31st. I went to Fredericia, where I found opportunities to converse with several people concerning our doctrine and faith.

FEBRUARY, 1852

1st. I held a meeting in our hall, preaching and also administering the sacrament.

2nd. I crossed over to Fyen and went back in the evening, attending a council meeting. I spoke to the brethren present.

3rd. I visited some strangers and explained the principles of the Gospel to them.



4th. I wrote a letter to President E, Snow and also to my betrothed girl. In the evening I attended a meeting -- opened with prayer and afterwards I spoke to the saints.

5th and 6th. I spent in Fyen, reading. I wrote a letter to Brother Rasmus Nielsen.

7th, Saturday. I walked to Osstrup Korup, to Brother Hans Jorgensen, arriving there at 4 p. m.

8th. I went to church in Osstrup, and I had the opportunity to converse with a number of the people concerning our doctrine, but the most of them were very stubborn. We held, however, a meeting at Brother Hans Jorgensen's afterwards, at which some strangers were present, but later a mob surrounded the house with a view to harm us, but Niels Hansen and I escaped through a private passage and concealed ourselves on the loft, where we remained while the mob was searching for us everywhere, both in the house and outside, and finally gave it up.

9th. About 2 o'clock that morning, Niels Hansen and I went to Carl \_\_\_\_\_, a blacksmith, and baptized him and his wife. After that ordinance was through, I explained to them their duties and obligations as saints, and then I confirmed them members of the church by the laying on of hands and blessed three of their children. At 4 o'clock we left them and went to Rasmus Nielsen's. May the Lord add His blessings to our labors.

10th. I went to Brother Lars Jensen, in Strip and stayed there over night.

11th. I crossed over to Fredericia and from there I continued my way to Greis to my parents.

12th. I went to Store Lihme and held a meeting there in the evening.

13th. I went to Ostengaard, and administered to Sister Maria Hansen, who was sick, and afterwards I went to Greis and administered to my father who was sick.

14th. I walked to Fredericia.

15th, Sunday. Held a prayer meeting in the forenoon, and in the afternoon held meeting in our new hall. Many strangers were present and I and some of the other brethren spoke. Crossed over to Fynen and had meeting with the saints there and we partook of the sacrament together and I encouraged the saints.

16th. Brother Lars Jensen took me to Odense in his wagon, and from there I walked to Nyberg.

17th. From there I took steamer to Korsoer and stayed there over night.

18th. I walked from Korsoer to Roeskilde and . . .

19th. I took the train for Copenhagen. I called on some of the saints, and attended a council meeting in the evening.

20th. The conference convened in the afternoon, Erastus Snow presiding.

21st. Also attended the conference this day. Much valuable instruction was given for the advancement of the work of God in Scandinavia.

22nd. We had a very interesting time this day. I was again sustained as president for Fredericia Conference. President Snow announced that he had been released by President Brigham Young and advised to bring some of the Scandinavian saints with him home to Utah. In the evening I attended council meeting, and Elder William Andersen and Jens Hansen were re-appointed to labor in the Fredericia Conference, and Brother Nielsen was ordained a Priest and assigned to labor in that conference also. I did the ordination, and I also ordained Brother N. C. Dorius an Elder. Several brethren occupied the time in speaking and we had a very enjoyable time together.

23rd. I visited with some of the saints that day and in the evening attended a meeting.

24th. I had this day an opportunity to bear my testimony about the Gospel to M. Jorgen, the weaver. In the afternoon we had a love feast for the saints and some friends, about 300 persons being present, and we continued the meeting during the evening. Many of us native brethren spoke, and President E. Snow and Elder J. E. Forsgreen gave much valuable and instructive advice to the saints. This was the first feast of that kind ever held in Scandinavia, and we felt greatly blessed.

25th. I wrote letters to my girl and to my brother, Christen Larsen and N. Backe, and in the evening I attended council meeting where we received much valuable instruction.

26th. We, Larse Jense, Johannes Larsen and I were out among the people to obtain signatures to a petition, which was to be presented to the Dist -- Rigsdagen.

27th. I went out to Brunby East, in Amager, to visit Jens Knudsen, and

28th. I returned to Copenhagen.

29th. I attended meeting and occupied a portion of the time in speaking, and I also confirmed two persons by the laying on of hands, assisted by Elders William Andersen and P. Sorensen. President E. Snow imparted also much valuable instruction to the saints, as well as to strangers.

## MARCH, 1852

1st, I visited some of the saints and in the evening I attended a council meeting.

2nd. We went out to Brunby Easter and stayed out there over night by some of the saints.

3rd. We took the train to Roeskilde and from there we walked to a large estate called Skjeldenesholm, where one of our sisters served; her name, Salome Sehroder. We had some conversation with the people about the Gospel, while we stayed there.

5th. One of the servants took us by team to the town Rindgated and from there we walked to Soundre Overdrev and were made comfortable among the saints there.

6th, Saturday. We visited the saints in that branch, who lived scattered in a forest. We held a meeting in the evening with some people not members, and we blessed one person who was sick.

7th, Sunday. We held meetings in the afternoon and evening and also administered and partook of the sacrament. All of us spoke in these meetings and we enjoyed a

goodly portion of the Holy Spirit, and we all felt that we were greatly blessed.

8th. Brother K. H. Bruhn and I went with Brother S. Christoffersen to his home in the neighboring village and stayed there over night.

9th. I went to a village called Frankerup to Brother Ole Olsen and held a meeting there. I blessed Sister Olsen and they felt very grateful to the Lord for his blessings. I went to Nyberg and in the evening held a meeting at Brother Fested. Some strangers were present and I bore my testimony to them and the saints felt much blessed.

10th. I went to the saints in Trustrup and I there confirmed Sister Karen.

11th. Jens Hansen and I went to Hemmerslov and we held meeting there in the evening.

12th. We visited some families and conversed with them about the Gospel, and we then went to Frustrup where we held a meeting in the evening at J. Hansen's family. We felt much blessed.

13th. We went to Thyrrøse and found a family there to whom we talked upon the Gospel. The woman believed our testimony and she desired to be baptized, but her husband was very unreasonable and he seemed, at times, to be possessed of evil spirits. In the evening we had an opportunity to talk to the Deacon of the village, in the presence of a number of other people, and we remained there that night.

14th, Sunday. After having conversed with some people about the Gospel, we proceeded to the village of Hasmark, where we tried to obtain a place wherein to hold meeting, and finally we found a good Samaritan, who took us in and we had an enjoyable time there; we next went to Egeuse, where I baptized four persons, and after having instructed them in their duties and obligations as saints, I confirmed them by the ordinance of laying on of hands, and also blessed three of their children. Stayed with those people over night and we felt very much blessed.

15th. We held a very good meeting in the next village and afterwards we went to Hasbeck, where lived a family who had asked for baptism, but when we got there, we found that they had changed their mind and we did not succeed in converting them, so we went away to Trustrup Mark, arriving at Brother Hans Jorgensen's about midnight.

16th. I called a meeting of the saints who lived in that locality and organized them into a branch of the church under the name of the Korup Branch, and I ordained Brother Niels Jansen a Teacher, to take charge of them, when Elder William Andersen and Jens Hansen could not be present with them. A brother Mith Karet was sustained as clerk pro tem. We administered and partook of the sacrament and then closed the meeting.

17th. I went to Roilemose to Brother Lars Jensen, where I held a meeting in the evening and spoke to the saints, encouraging them in their faith and good works.

18th. I wrote a letter to Elder J. E. Forsgreen, and afterwards I went to Rasmus Nielsen, where we held a meeting in the evening. Some strangers were present and we had a good deal of the spirit with us.

19th. I wrote letters to Brother C. Christiansen and K.H. Bruhn, and afterwards crossed over to Fredericia, where I attended a meeting in the evening and spoke to

the saints.

20th, Saturday. I visited a man, by name, Christoffer, whose wife had requested baptism, and I talked with him for a long time, but he would not permit her to have that privilege.

21st, Sunday. I spoke in the meeting, prayer meetings, both forenoon and afternoon. Brother Ebbe Jessen performed the ordinance of baptism in the evening.

22nd, After having visited a few families, I started on my way to the home of my parents.

23rd. I wrote letters to Christen Larsen and Amanson My father made me a present of a pair of boots.

24th, My brother Lauritz and I went to visit some saints in Ostemgaard, and we had a conversation with them and the family owners, but the man was very contentious and would not give in From there we went to Store Lihme.

25th We visited the saints in their homes, also visited a family by name, Worg. The wife desired baptism, but her husband would not permit her.

26th. I visited the saints and held a meeting with them in the evening, speaking to them upon the principles of love and union. This meeting was held in the house of Brother Niels Larsen, and I there administered to Brother C. Christensen.

27th After having blessed Sister Gertrud Christensen, we went to my parental home in Greis.

28th In the forenoon we held a prayer meeting and in the afternoon we had a sacrament meeting. I spoke in both meetings.

29th. I went to Fredericia and I found opportunities to converse with several strangers about our doctrine.

30th. I crossed over to Fyen (the island) and found opportunities to talk with several, very religious Lutherans about the Gospel.

31st. I wrote letters to President Forsgreen, P.O. Hansen and J.A. Ahmanson.

APRIL, 1852

1st. I attended a council meeting in the evening and spoke to the brethren concerning their duties.

2nd. This day I was occupied in some temporal work yet conversed with a few friends on the Gospel.

3rd. I went to Rasmus Nielsen, and held meeting in the evening at Lars Jensen's. Elder H. P. Jensen had come to attend the conference in Fredericia, which was to convene on the 8th and 9th of this month. I did some preaching in that meeting.

4th. We held a meeting in Fredericia and Elder H. P. Jensen spoke, giving us some very good council. We partook of the sacrament and a good influence of the

spirit was felt and the paints were full of joy. I also spoke in that meeting.

5th. I wrote a letter to my girl and afterwards Brother Jensen and I visited some of the saints.

6th and 7th. Visited the saints in the city of Fredericia and also some in Fynen including some strangers.

8th. The conference was opened at 10 a. m. that day. Elders Ahmanson had arrived from Slagelse, and in the afternoon Elder Forsgreen arrived from Copenhagen. A large congregation of saints were present and many of the brethren spoke, besides President Forsgreen, H. P. Jensen and I, and we had a very enjoyable time.

9th. The conference re-convened at 10 a. m. by singing and prayer, and I took charge of the proceedings and all the necessary business and accepted and carried in harmony and unitedly -- one of them was the establishment of "The Perpetual Fund" to assist worthy members of the church, and the saints exhibited great liberality in their donations to that fund. The spirit of God was present in great measure and the speakers were much blessed in their efforts to reach the hearts of the saints. Brother Jens Hansen was ordained an Elder and Rasmus Nielsen was ordained a deacon, Pres. Forsgreen, H. P. Jensen and I officiating. We also confirmed three persons by the laying on of hands and the meeting was finally adjourned by singing and prayer. Some of us afterwards met outside in a field, where we imparted one another some of our experiences in the mission labor, and we held prayer also, and President Forsgreen gave us much interesting information about conditions among the saints in Zion.

10th, Sunday. I attended meeting both in the forenoon and in the afternoon, and I spoke in both. There were many strangers present and we enjoyed much of the good spirit. Elder H. P. Jensen started for Schleswig at noon today.

11th. We held a council meeting in the forenoon and Brother Niels Johansen was deprived of his priesthood on account of unchristian conduct. President Forsgreen gave us much valuable instruction. In the afternoon we held a public meeting and President Forsgreen and several other brethren spoke, I wrote two letters.

12th. President Forsgreen and I went to Greis to my parents. We had a conversation with the chief of the harbor of Veile, explaining to him our faith and other things. His name was Hansen.

13th. I went to my uncle on mother's side and conversed with him upon the principles of the gospel for a long time, but he was very contentious and stubborn and condemned our doctrines as false and I wished that I had not visited him, although he was so near related. His name is Morten Sorensen, in Sinbjerg, and I left his house with sorrow in my heart, yet I felt that I had performed my duty towards him and his family, presenting to them the gospel and testifying that it was indeed the doctrine of Jesus Christ. From there I returned home to my parents.

14th. My brother Lauritz and I visited some of the saints in Vennelov, and from there we went to a Baptist minister, Peter Hermansen. in Timshouse, and had a long conversation with him about the Gospel. He said that he would have been pleased if we had not come to his house with our doctrine, and that it caused him pain and unrest in his soul to hear us; yet he gave us something to eat and lodgings for the night.

15th. We started from there for Store Lihme and called on several families as we went along, speaking to them about the gospel. Arriving in Store Lihme, we held a meeting at Brother Christen Larsen's. President Forsgreen and Johannes Larsen were there, and Forsgreen and I spoke in that meeting.

16th. There had existed some difficulties among the saints, which we succeeded in settling. We also blessed two children who were sick and also a woman and her daughter were blessed for sickness.

17th. President Forsgreen and Johannes Larsen went to Greis and I remained and wrote a letter to P. O. Hansen in Copenhagen.

18th. We held a meeting in the house of Jens Jensen in Sikern Skov (forest), in the forenoon, and I did the speaking. In the afternoon we held a prayer meeting. A brother Mads Christensen, was excommunicated for unchristianlike conduct, as he would not repent. Sister Anna Maria in Store Lihme gave me some money for traveling expenses. May God bless her.

19th. We went to Balle and had a talk with Sister Karen, and we advised her to set a good example before her husband so that she might bring him back again into the church. We also talked a great deal with him. From there we went to Greis and later on Pres. Forsgreen and I went to Brother Rasmus Johansen in Tirsbeck.

20th. Pres. Forsgreen and I went to Fredericia and wrote a letter to A. Agreeen.

21st. I wrote a letter to Brother Ahmanson. K.H. Bruhn stayed in Fynen over night.

22nd. President Forsgreen started for Copenhagen and Jens Larsen and I accompanied one Danish mile on the way.

23rd. This day I fasted and attended a council meeting, speaking to the brethren about their special duties in the priesthood. One of the sisters gave me a dollar. I also, this day, wrote a letter to my girl.

24th. I also fasted that day and studied.

25th, Sunday. I met with the saints in Fredericia and admonished them to be faithful in performing their duties, while I would be absent as I was going to attend conference in Aalborg. We were greatly blessed in that meeting. Later I started for Greis and reached the home of my parents about eleven o'clock in the night.

26th. I wrote letters to Elder P. O. Hansen in Copenhagen and S. Nielsen, the same city, and to Elder Chr. Christiansen in Aalborg, stating to him that I did not feel that it was the will of God that I should attend conference there.

27th. I wrote letters to President Forsgreen and to S. Thomson, and afterwards I went to Store Lihme and held a meeting there in the evening. There existed some difficulties between Christen Larsen and Sister Karen Balle, but succeeded in settling them and a good spirit and feeling was again established and they humbled themselves and forgave each other.

28th. I visited several of the saints in their homes.

29th. I administered to Brother Hemmesen's wife and daughter, who were sick. In the evening I held a meeting at Niels Larsen's and settled some difficulties between Christen Larsen and Sister Anna Maria, but it took a great deal of talk to make them yield and become reconciled to each other -" only by the assistance of the spirit of God was it accomplished; for creating strife and contentions among the saints there.

30th. Elder William Andersen and I visited some of the saints in their homes, admonishing them to live in peace and union with one another as saints of God should do. Brother Jens Petersen and his wife acknowledged that they had sinned by not living in harmony together, and asked forgiveness, at the same time asking us to bless them, which we did, and they seemed to be very humble and grateful. We went from there to my father's home in Greis, but after we had retired the house was attacked by a mob and pelted with stones, breaking some lights in the windows and doing other damage, wherefore my father went outdoors and talked to them in a friendly tone, but it made no impression upon them, seemingly, yet they did not commn any further trouble and went away. Next morning we found a big pile of rock at the door.

MAY, 1852

1st. I went to the saints in Tirsbeck and stayed there for the night.

2nd. I held a meeting there in the forenoon and spoke to them; afterwards I went to my parents in Greis and had a sacrament meeting. I did the instructive speaking.

3rd. I worked in some temporal labor; also 4th and 5th in the same way.

6th. I went to the brethren in Red Mills and in Tirsbeck and encouraged them. I visited Brother Niels Beck and had a talk with him; he was much troubled and stubborn in his feelings, however.

7th. I fasted that day and held a meeting in the house of my parents, and I enjoyed much of the spirit of God, in speaking. I received about 5 or 6 dollars (Danish) to help me on my trip to the island of Falster, having been called by the Presidency in Copenhagen to go there to encourage the saints who were much persecuted by mobs, and two of the brethren had been very badly maltreated by mobs. I went with the saints to Tirsbeck and stayed there over night.

8th. I went to Fredericia and there I received a letter from President Forsgreen. which I answered right away. In the evening I attended a council meeting and spoke to the brethren.

9th. I fasted that day and attended a meeting and spoke there to the saints concerning the necessity of being united in feelings and to love one another. I wrote letters to my girl and also to N. R. Beck.

10th. I wrote a letter to Elder P. O. Hansen, and afterwards I was to a wedding at Lars Jensen's, where I performed the marriage ceremony to Sophia and Lars Andersen. Sophia was the daughter of Lars Jensen. A number of relatives, not members of the church, were present and had a good opportunity to talk to them. My brother. Christen, who was in military service and quartered in the neighborhood, also talked on this occasion, and we had a very enjoyable time together.

11th. I crossed over to Fredericia and visited some of the saints there, and returned to Fynen.

12th. Elder William Andersen and I went to Thurstrup field and we held meeting with the saints who lived there. I spoke upon the necessity of the saints living a holy life and thus to be as a light to the world. One brother was excommunicated from the church.

13th. Brother Jens Hansen and I started for the city of Svenborg, but we did not reach farther than to a village Naering, where we came in conversation with a number of the Orthodox Lutherans, and the parish superintendent called us a devil, "yet," said he, "If it was not that he was aware of our personal possession of bodies, he would think that we were the identical devil himself, but he knew that the devil did not have a body," said he, "It might be that Joseph Smith was, for he had not seen him." We continued talking with those people till midnight, proving by the scriptures that our doctrine was in perfect harmony with holy writ, but it was to no avail, and we left them with our testimony of new revelation and Joseph Smith as prophet of the Lord.

14th. We went from these people over to the neighboring island of Taasing, and had a conversation there upon the principles of the gospel, and we had intended to remain in that island some days, but learning that the steamer would leave Svenborg the following morning, at 5 o'clock, I made up my mind to proceed to the island of Falster by that boat.

15th. At that time I went on board and there I met a friend, Mr. Malery, a well-to-do man, from Copenhagen, who gave me two dollars (Danish) to defray some of my travelling expenses, and also an address to his sister who was the wife of a clergyman in Nykoping. We landed in the town of Gaabense, and I proceeded at once to Nykoping on Falster. I had never been in that island before, and as the people had lately been in a great uproar concerning the Mormons and badly maltreated some of the missionaries and committed a great deal of mob violence upon the saints, threatening to drive all Mormons from the island, I recognized the hand of God in bringing this friend, Mr. Malery, just at that time, to my assistance, in giving me directions how to travel, without asking anybody at the landing, and thereby expose my incognito. I reached the parson, Mr. Sedelius, about noon and soon we came in conversation about the gospel, but he was very much opposed to our doctrine, yet he invited me to stay and have dinner with him, which invitation I declined, because I did not know how far I had yet to go to find certain friends and avoid being detected by our enemies on the way. I therefore, set out for Urup Gaard, a big estate, where I found Sister Ludvigsen. It was then about evening, and when night came and it was dark, Priest Johan Svenson, the missionary, came there, which was just what I had prayed to the Lord, for, so that I might have him to guide me around among the saints in that island. We administered to Sister Ludvigsen, who was sick, and visited a few saints living in that neighborhood, and we were intending to go to Falkerslev, but the saints told us that some brethren from that village had been there and told that the mob had been in Falkerslev several nights, breaking windows and doors and committed other damage on the property of the saints, and these brethren had, therefore, advised that the missionaries ought to stay away for a while. In this, I again discerned the hand of kind Providence, because I had not any other address to the saints in Falster than Peter Thomsen in Falkerslev, when I started for that island, and my providential meeting with that Mr. Malery on the steamer in Svenborg was the means of preventing me from falling into the hands of our enemies, as Falkerslev was only one hour's walk from Gaabense, but the spirit had guided me in taking the best way. We went to some of the saints in the village of Orslev and remained there for the night.



16th, Sunday. I wrote a letter to my betrothed girl and visited and encouraged the saints.

17th. We started for Brother Peter Thomson's place in Falkerslev, after midnight, about 1:30 a. m. and arrived there in safety, by the break of day. I wrote a letter to J. Larsen in Breis.

18th. We spoke comforting words to the saints and endeavored to strengthen them in their faith and patience during their severe trials and mob persecutions, and they seemed to appreciate my visit among them very much. We left them in the evening, after dark, and returned to Orslev.

19th. We arrived at Orslev in the morning and also there we endeavored to comfort and strengthen the saints in faith and perseverance, and we also conversed with some strangers about the gospel.

20th. I held a meeting with the saints, living on the estate Urup Gaard, talked and prayed with them, and these saints expressed themselves very grateful for my visit and mission among them. Brother Johan Svensen and I left them, after dark, and proceeded to Orslev, where we arrived in safety.

21st. We crossed over to the neighboring island, Lolland, to the village Thorsby, where I visited both saints and strangers, preaching the word of God to them, and blessing them.

22nd. I wrote a letter to Elder P. O. Hansen, and in the evening we held a meeting with the saints, admonishing them to faithfulness.

23rd, Sunday. We held a meeting at a man's home, called Niels Langelander. I talked, encouraging the saints to faithfulness and we also partook of the sacrament together, and some strangers were present to whom I preached. A good spirit was with us, and we all felt much edified. In the evening two missionaries, Jens Jorgensen and Nielsen arrived from the outlying country, and when they learned our intention to leave next day for the island of Toasing and Langeland, they prevailed to the saints and converse in social chat.

24th. We had a very enjoyable time together, in chat and singing, and towards evening it was decided by lot who should go to Falster and ordain Brother Johan Svensen to be an Elder and Brother Peter Thomsen to be Teacher, and also to hold meeting with the saints in Falkerslev, and it fell in my lot to go there. When darkness set in, we proceeded towards the ferry, but on the way Brother Svensen made us aware of the fact that he was known to all of them and that they were all very hateful towards the Mormons, and he was therefore afraid of trouble with them. I felt impressed that the Lord would shield us and blind the eyes of our enemies so that they should do us no harm and that we thus would reach Falster unmolested. We arrived at the ferry about 12 o'clock night, and just a few minutes before we arrived, a heavy thunder storm came on, with rain and vivid lightning, such as I have never experienced before, and the rain poured down in torrents, which made the ferrymen and everybody else very busy taking care of themselves, and thus nobody said a word to us there, or on the other side of the sound, in the town, which we had to pass through, and it became so dark that we could only with difficulty find the path through a soft meadow, that we would take in order to avoid the Estate, where most of the mob were, who had done so much trouble for Brother Thomson in Falkerslev.

We were thus compelled to stay on this meadow nearly an hour, protected under an umbrella from the drenching rain, but finally it cleared off and we reached our destination about 3 o'clock in the morning.

25th. After being provided with dry under clothing we went to bed and slept till about noon that day and Sister Thomson provided us other dry clothes. In the evening we held a meeting till late in the night, and spoke to the saints and we partook of the sacrament together, and I was led by the spirit of God to say that henceforth their troubles from the mob would decrease and the saints soon would be able to hold their meetings in the day time unmolested. I ordained Brother Johan Svenson an Elder and Brother Peter Thomson a teacher in that meeting. I will here state that eighteen months after that day, when we met in Copenhagen, Sister Thomson said to me that what she called my prophecy had been literally fulfilled, for they had not trouble with the mob since that time.

26th. I received some money for travelling expenses from the saints and bid them farewell, much impressed with gratitude towards God and the saints that all went so well. Brother Thomson had his hired man take me to Gaabense by his team and from there I took the steamer for Copenhagen, where I arrived at 4 P.M. the same day, and was hailed welcome by the brethren.

27th. I visited among some of the saints, and attended a meeting in the evening and by request of the branch president, I spoke and enjoyed much freedom of spirit.

28th. I wrote a letter to my girl and made preparations for returning home.

29th. I went on board the steamer "Liana" at 6 a. m. for Fredericia and arrived there at 6 P.M. the same day. I had a conversation on board with two of our sisters, who had left the church, one, by name Dorthea, had been excommunicated while I was away, and the other one, whose name was Jacobsen, but could have no influence with them to turn back to the fold. They were too full of darkness and uttered many wicked accusations against the church and the brethren. I tried my best to convince them of their errors and bring them into the light, but with no success.

30th. I held a council meeting and Brother Jacobsen and some of his family had been summoned before that council to answer for their conduct in accusing me falsely and against the "Scandinavian Star" and the Book of Doctrine and Covenants doctrines, and they were very much in the dark, both the father and the mother and their son, and they had tried in every way to create disaffection and strife among the saints and even tried to disturb the meeting. I bade him be quiet and then he sat down, and I asked the people if any one present had heard me say or do anything improper or wrong such as Jacobsen had accused me of. Then I would take it back and make everything right with them, and ask their forgiveness, if in any way I had been a stumbling block in their course. Jacobsen answered that I was one of them of whom Paulus had said, that would come in the last days, who would teach vain things and deceive many, etc. I endeavored to bring them to see the danger of yielding to an accusing spirit, that would lead them to bear false witness against and backbite their brethren and sisters, and the church of which they were members, through baptism, and I warned them that if they would not repent and ask forgiveness, they would even lose what light there was left in them. but they only got more angry and continued their accusations so much that they thereby disturbed the meeting. I then moved that Brother Jacobsen's certificate as a teacher was cancelled, and all sustained that motion, except Lars Jensen and Lars Andersen. I then laid before the saints the danger that was in partaking of such a spirit and to sustain false accusers of the brethren. I had that time a very hard struggle

in my feelings, especially by finding that one or two of the brethren that I had placed confidence in did not stand by me, yet it did not take long before they saw their mistake and repented. I can truly say that the Lord and our Father stood by me that day and after singing a hymn, the meeting was dismissed by prayer of C.G. Larsen, and I crossed over to Fynen.

31st. We again held a meeting in Fredericia, and Jacobsen and his (wife) were present at the beginning but after singing and prayer, and just when I had commenced to speak, they both left the hall. My remarks were directed to saints, showing them the necessity of being united and loving one another and I felt much blessed by the spirit of light and darkness, such as it was demonstrated the previous day, and they all felt to rejoice. We partook of the sacrament together. After the meeting I crossed over to Fynen, and I wrote a letter to the Presidency, asking for one of them to come over to my support in these difficulties.

JUNE, 1852

1st and 2nd. I fasted and besides I did not feel quite well.

3rd. Brother K.H. Bruhn and I were in Fredericia and we visited the Jacobsen family and endeavored to bring them to see their error and to repent, but they remained just as stubborn as ever, and we were forced to abandon the task. We returned to Fynen, and baptized Maren Andersen.

4th. That day I studied by reading and in the evening I attended a prayer meeting.

5th. I visited Sister Cecilia Kristine and encouraged her to faithfulness. In afternoon, Elder P. O. Hansen arrived by steamer from Copenhagen and it was a happy meeting to both of us.

6th. We held a meeting and the case of Jacobsen came up for consideration, but he was just as stubborn as previously, and the case was therefore laid over, to come before the next regular council meeting, in order to give him sufficient time for reflection, that perhaps he might get the spirit and see his error and repent. The president of the branch. Brother Lars Jensen was away, so that was also a cause for this postponement. Afterwards we had a very good meeting and Elder P. O. Hansen and I spoke to the saints. We then confirmed Maren Andersen.

7th. Elder P. O. Hansen and I went to the saints in Tirsbeck and stayed there over night.

8th. We went to Greis and had a happy time in the home of my parents that evening.

9th. We went to Store Lihme and visited the saints in their homes.

10th. We continued our visits among the saints, blessed two persons that were sick and also two children. In the evening we had a meeting at Brother Niels Larsen. Elder Hansen and I occupied the time in speaking and all seemed to be edified.

11th. We went to the saints in Ostengard and had a talk with them, and we went to Veile where we had a long conversation with Brother Niels R. Beck. He had turned away from the light and was not in great darkness and had taken to the ways of the world and although I had talked to him several times previously, I did not make any impression upon him to cause him to retrace his steps at that time, and I left him with

sorrow in my heart. We went then to the home of my parents where we arrived about midnight.

12th. I wrote a letter to my girls and during the day I enjoyed the conversation I had with Elder P. O. Hansen.

13th. We held meeting in the home of my parents, where several strangers were present. Elder P. O. Hansen and I occupied the time, speaking, and we also administer and partook of the sacrament with the saints, and we had great joy in the spirit that prevailed in our midst. After the meeting, Elder P. O. Hansen and I went to Tirsbeck.

14th. Brother Niels Beck came and gave Elder Hansen two dollars (Danish). We then tried again to convince him of his errors and to cease finding faults with the brethren, but attend to his own duties, and Elder Hansen told him that if he did not do that, he would be led to still greater darkness and would finally apostatize, if he did not repent in time; but he only became more excited and unreasonable in his accusations, wherefore Elder P.O. Hansen requested him to give back his certificate as a teacher in the church to the president of the branch, Brother Johansen, which he did in a very indifferent manner. After this was, Elder P.O. Hansen and I went to Fredericia to hold a meeting there in the evening. After the opening exercises, by singing and prayer the case against the Jacobsen family was presented, and Elder P.O. Hansen arose and asked the saints if any of them had seen any fruits of repentance in that family during the week just past. Several members testified that they personally experienced the bad conduct of Brother Jacobsen, his wife and his son, in accusing and finding all manner of faults with the priesthood and the church in general. The Branch president, Brother Lars Jensen, spoke to Jacobsen in a most tender and persuasive manner, endeavoring to make him repent, but Jacobsen became very excited and acted almost like a mad man and he seemed especially angry against me. The president, Brother Lars Jensen, finally moved that this Brother Jacobsen, together with his wife and his son, should be excommunicated from the church for apostasy, which motion was sustained and carried unanimously. After dismissing this meeting, we, Elder Hansen and I, went over to Fynen.

15th. About 3 o'clock in the morning Elder Hansen went over to Fredericia, where he took the steamer for Copenhagen. I went that day and visited some people.

16th. I went to Eltang to my mother's sister, and talked to her about the gospel, but she was very opposed to it. I stayed over night.

17th. I went to a Mr. H. Smith, who was a subscriber for the "Scandinavian Star," and I had a lengthy conversation with him, upon the principles of the gospel. I stayed with him over night.

18th. I again had a conversation with these folks upon our religion, and then went to Eltang, the second time, and bore my testimony to my aunt and her husband.

19th. I went to Fredericia and visited several of the saints in that branch.

20th. I held a meeting in Fredericia with the saints, and Brother K. H. Bruhn and I spoke. We administered and partook of the sacrament and we all felt very much blessed and edified. From there we went over to Fynen.

21st. Brother Bruhn and I visited some strangers and conversed with them upon the gospel. In the afternoon, visited my brother, Christen Larsen and held a meeting at Brother Lars Jensen.

22nd. Brother Jespersen and I went to Tirsbeck and stayed there over night.

23rd. I went to Greis and attended a prayer meeting in the evening. My brother Lauritz Larsen went with Brother Jespersen to Ringkoping, a small city, to visit and talk with his relations who lived there.

24th and 25th. I wrote letters to President Forsgreen and to my girl.

26th. I went to Veile and talked to Niels Beck, trying my best to make him see the necessity for him to humble himself and repent, that he might be delivered from that spirit of darkness which had taken possession of his mind, but it seemed to be of no effect upon him. I afterwards went to Tirsbeck and stayed there over night.

27th. Held a meeting in the house of Brother Christian Nielsen and it was a good meeting too. I felt much blessed by the spirit and the saints likewise. In the evening I talked with several strangers in Brother Johansen's house.

28th. I wrote a letter to President Forsgreen and afterwards I went to my parents' home in Greis.

29th. I fasted this day, and had the pleasure to bear my testimony to several strangers.

30th. I went to Vendelev and held a meeting with the saints living in that village.

JULY, 1852

1st and 2nd. I stayed at home, fasting and studied by reading.

3rd. I visited the saints in Ostengaard and from there I went to Store Lihme.

4th, Sunday. We had a meeting at Brother Niels Petersen's and partook of the sacrament with the saints. The spirit of God was with us in a great measure and we all felt much blessed. Brother William Andersen baptized a girl, and I confirmed her by the laying on of hands.

5th. I visited Sister Karen in Balle for the purpose of encouraging her in the faith, and I also found an opportunity to speak to a family of strangers, about our doctrine, and they recognized that it was the truth. From there I went to the saints in Ostengaard where I also encouraged them, and then went to my parents in Greis.

6th. I went visiting the saints in their homes and encouraged them to faithfulness.

7th. I visited Brother Niels Beck and endeavored to get him to see his errors and to try to get the spirit of God, as otherwise he would be in danger of losing the faith and apostatize from the church, but he seemed to be entirely indifferent about that matter. I next went to Fredericia and visited and encouraged the saints to faithfulness.

8th. Elder William Andersen and I went and visited several families and we blessed Sister Jensen, who was sick.

9th and 10th. I assisted in the harvesting of hay, which was to me beneficial bodily exercise.

11th, Sunday. In the forenoon we held meeting in Fredericia. Again there was difficulties to settle among the saints, but we succeeded, by the aid of the spirit of God, to get it fixed up so much that the parties asked each others forgiveness and promised to do better in the future and to live as saints ought to live. In the afternoon we held meeting in Fynen. Several of the brethren spoke and I occupied about an hour in speaking trying to impress upon the saints the absolute necessity of union and good will among themselves, and I warned them against the danger of backbiting and faultfinding and not to listen to such, that would come to them with accusations against the brethren, who are set to preside over them, to destroy their faith and confidence in the servants of God, and I requested, that if any one had any complaint against me, personally, that they would let me know, and I would gladly meet them and make any wrong right again as far as I could, and to ask forgiveness of them and of God also. I declared to them that I knew that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God and also that what I had been teaching them was the truth, and that they and I would have to meet it on the day of judgment I was also lead to say that possibly I might not return to preside in their midst. All seemed happy when we left them. After the meeting I went over to Fredericia.

12th. I went to Veile and again I had a long conversation with Niels Beck. I told him that I came as a messenger of peace, with the intention to do him some good if he would accept of it, and I again warned him of the danger there was in giving heed to accusing spirits, but he seemed to hate some of the brethren, especially my brother Lauritz, because he was engaged to Sister Sorine Simonsen. Finally I left him, stating in parting that I hoped that my garments would be found clean from his blood, on the day of judgement, when we should meet there; yet I felt very sorry for him and in my heart I prayed God to have mercy on him and to make him see his error, that he might repent. I next called on a family, Bradstrup, and bore my testimony about the Gospel to them, but they were very stubborn and would not listen to me. I then went to my parents in Greis.

13th. I wrote letters to President Forsgreen, and to Elder P. O. Hansen and to my girl.

14th. My brother Johannes and I went to Veile and again we had a brief conversation with Brother Niels R. Beck. In the evening we had a prayer meeting in my father's house. My brother Lauritz baptized a man, Emanuel Petersen. We all felt very happy.

15th and 16th. I stayed home and studied by reading.

17th. My brothers, Johannes and Lauritz, and I went to Store Lihme. A sister, Gertrude Larsen, had died and we held a brief service in her father's house, and I was the speaker.. After the funeral we returned to Greis.

18th. I fasted that day and we held meeting in my father's house. My brother, Johannes, and I confirmed Emanuel Petersen by the laying on of hands. We also administered the sacrament and blessed a sick sister. I spoke to the saints, urging them to be faithful to their covenant, and we all felt blessed.

19th. I wrote to Elder P. O. Hansen in Copenhagen and to Brother P. Thomsen in Falster.

20th. This day remained quiet and fasted.

21st. I went to Veile and afterwards to Tirsbeck, where we had a prayer meeting. I spoke in that meeting and we had a good time.

22nd. I visited some families in Heinsted field, and they seemed to be willing to

accept the gospel. Afterwards I visited the brethren in Lille Molle (the small mill) and from there I returned to Tirsbeck, In the evening I baptized Chr. Nielsen's daughter and confirmed her by the laying on of hands.

23rd. I went to my parent's home in Greis.

24th. I wrote letters to my sister Stine, and to Brother Lars Jensen in fynen.

25th. I fasted and we had a meeting in my father's house. Elder Jens Hansen came there to accompany me to the conference that was to convene in Aalborg. He occupied some of the time in speaking. A sister was baptized by my brother, Johannes Larsen, and I confirmed her and administered and partook of the sacrament. I occupied about an hour, admonishing the saints to faithfulness and keep the commandments of God so as to be a light to the world, and I hoped, said I, that my example and conduct while I had been in their midst, had been such that by following me, they would be drawing nigh unto God, and have peace with Him and with one another. I felt that I would not come back any more to labor in their midst, but we all felt greatly blessed of God. We blessed a sister, that was sick, and the saints donated some money to assist Brother Jens Hansen and me on our journey.

26th. The day we merely made preparations for our journey.

27th. We left my parents' home about 3 a. m. and reached Aarhus in the evening.

28th. We traveled all that day and reached Aalborg within a Danish mile (4 English).

29th. We started early and arrived in Aalborg about 5 o'clock in the morning, where we found the presiding brethren, Willard Snow and John E. Forsgreen. We blessed two sick persons and then we went over the Lim-Fjord to Norre Sundby, where I and Brother Forsgreen administered to a child. We attended a prayer meeting in the evening and had a good time.

30th. I went again over to Aalborg, and visited among the saints, and I was made welcome, wherever I went.

31st. I visited among the saints, also this day, and all seemed glad to meet me.

AUGUST, 1852

1st. This being Sunday and conference, I fasted. The conference commenced at the appointed time, Elder Chr. Christiansen presiding. Elder HÂ»P, Jensen gave a very interesting report of his mission in Norway and he said that there would be found use for many brethren, as there seemed to be prospects for a rich harvest of souls. I and several other brethren spoke in these meetings.

2nd. I opened the first meeting with prayer. Many excellent instructions were given us by the presiding brethren, and the spirit of God was present in a great measure. President Christiansen and I ordained four brethren to the office of Elders and two other brethren to the office of Priests. Pres. Willard Snow and Forsgreen and Jensen blessed several sick persons, and all the transactions during the conference were carried on in harmony and all of us felt greatly blessed.

3rd. I attended the conference again, as well as during the two previous days, and felt greatly blessed. The conference adjourned at 1 p.m. that day. I wrote letters to the saints in Greis and in Store Lihme as I had promised to do. After conversing for some time with friends.

4th. My betrothed girl and I accompanied the brethren of the Presidency to North Sundby, where we partook of a love feast in the home of Brother H.P. Jensen, enjoying ourselves by singing and conversation, speeches, etc. till very late in the evening, and we then returned to Aalborg, arriving there, midnight.

5th. I wrote letters to the saints in Greis and in Fredericia and also one to my brother. Christen; afterwards I and the brethren, Willard Snow and Forsgreen, went to Kjeld Gaard in the evening.

6th. We visited some of the saints in their homes, and in the evening we held a council meeting at Brother Christen Hyllested, and we enjoyed a good spirit there.

7th, Saturday. Brother Knud Nielsen took us to Aalborg in a wagon.

8th, Sunday. We held a meeting and by request, I occupied the time in speaking to the saints, and a good spirit prevailed. Afternoon meeting, I was again requested to peak, and afterwards Brother Forsgreen spoke and gave us much valuable

9th. I wrote letters to the saints in Noeby, and in Taasing, and afterwards my girl and I went to North Sundby with the intention to take passage for Copenhagen, in Brother Svend Larsen's ship next day.

10th. About 2 a. m. we went on board the vessel, a sloop, twenty-six persons all toll, and set sail for the capitol -- Copenhagen. Brother Larsen, who was an experienced navigator, had dubbed his vessel; "Zion's Lion. " We passed through the Skagerak.

11th. Landed on the coast of Sealand about six English miles from the city, at a Brother Jacobsen's farm, and from there we walked to the city, arriving there in the evening.

12th. The general conference was in session, both in the forenoon and afternoon and several of the brethren gave report about their missionary labors and experiences.

13th. I attended conference again this day. The Presidency gave us much valuable instruction, and warned us against sin and transgression, and admonished us to be united. By request, I occupied some time in speaking, and also gave in my report an account of the money donated to the Perpetual Emigration Fund.

14th. The conference re-commenced that day at 10 a. m. and Elder Forsgreen spoke at length, under the influence of the spirit of God, before the regular business transactions took place, and he then moved that the mission field in Norway should be known as Brevig Conference, and that Elder Christian J. Larsen was released from presiding over Fredericia Conference and for him to go on a mission to Norway, and to preside over Brevig Conference, which motion was sustained by a unanimous vote. Furthermore, he moved that Peter Beckstrom be ordained an Elder and that he and Christen Knudsen (now Nielsen) also go to Norway as missionaries and labor there under direction of President Christian Larsen. Sustained by unanimous vote. In the afternoon session, which I opened with prayer, it was moved and unanimously carried that the islands of Lolland and Falster, together with the smaller islands in the vicinity, be organized as a conference, and that Elder Johan Svenson preside. Likewise, that the island of Bomholm was to be a conference, and that Ole Svensen preside there. Elder Niels Mikkelsen was appointed to preside over Fredericia Conference. The district of Vensyssel was also organized as a conference, and Elder N.C. Skou appointed



its president. The Limfjord to be the division line from Aalborg Conference. Elder P. O. Hansen was appointed to preside over the Copenhagen Conference and Elder H.P. Jensen was appointed as travelling supervising president in the whole Scandinavian mission. All these moves and appointments were sustained by unanimous vote.

15th, Sunday. The conference was opened in the usual manner, at 10 am. and it was moved the Ole Olsen be ordained an Elder, and proceed to Norway, to labor in the Brevig Conference, which was sustained by unanimous vote. Much other business connected with the further spread of the Gospel in the Scandinavian countries, as well as much valuable instruction for the encouragement of the saints was attended to and given during that meeting and after having partaken of the sacrament and being dismissed in the usual way, the conference adjourned to meet again April 6th, 1853.

16th. In the forenoon I and my girl visited some of the saints and in the afternoon a special meeting was convened for the appointed presidents and missionaries to be blessed and set apart by the presidency, Forsgreen and H. P. Jensen. The Elders were ordained by Forsgreen and H. P. Jensen, the Priests, of Elders Chr. Christiansen Chr. J. Larsen and H. C, Schou, and the Teachers were ordained by the president of the branch and two presidents of conferences, and again we had much good talk from a number of brethren.

17th. I wrote a letter to Sister Maria Olsen and later visited some of the saints.

18th. I had my passport signed by the police for my journey to Norway, and afterwards I took my engaged girl to her uncle, Mr. Berg, and laid before him the Plan of Salvation. In the evening I attended a council meeting, where some business pertaining to the mission in Scandinavia was attended to. I spoke for a short time in that meeting.

19th. After taking a hearty leave of the saints in Copenhagen, we went on board the little sailing craft "Zion's Love " (the Lion of Zion), fourteen persons in all, and set sail for Fredericia about 4 p. m.

20th. After a very pleasant voyage, we reached Fredericia about 11 a. m. that day.

21st. Was attending to some temporal matters, and the time also occupied in social conversation among ourselves.

22nd. A conference was held here and I presided. In the forenoon session I gave a brief report of the general conditions, and several of the brethren also expressed themselves on their missionary experiences. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, the conference re-convened and I presented the general authorities of the church before the saints for their acceptance, and they were all sustained in their respective offices and callings by the unanimous vote of the conference. My brother Christen G. Larsen, was ordained an Elder, under the hands of Presidents Forsgreen, H. P. Jensen and myself. Much valuable instruction was imparted by the brethren, and we had indeed a time of rejoicing.

23rd. The conference re-convened at 10 a.m. and the following propositions were moved and carried; Johannes Larsen as president of the Fredericia Branch; Rasmus Johansen to be ordained an Elder and to preside over the Greis Branch; Soren Iversen to be ordained an Elder and to preside over the Store Lihme Branch; Lauritz Larsen to be ordained an Elder and appointed to go to the city of Ringkoping, to open the gospel door there; August Nielsen to be ordained a Priest, and to go with Elder Frederick Nielsen to Schlesvig as a missionary; Niels Larsen to be ordained a Priest, to labor

in Store Lihme; Emanuel Petersen and Christian Nielsen to be ordained Teachers, and to labor in the Greis Branch, and finally I proposed that Elder Niels Mikkelsen enter upon his office and duties as president of the Fredericia Conference. All this was carried by a unanimous vote. The ordination of these brethren was performed under the hands of Elders John E. Forsgreen, Jensen, C. J. Larsen and N. Mikkelsen. A bottle of oil was consecrated and a child was blessed and finally the sacrament was administered. Presidents Forsgreen and H. P. Jensen gave us much valuable instruction and all appeared full of rejoicing. I then bid an official farewell to the saints and the conference, and adjourned to meet again on the first Sunday in the following December. I signed some certificates of ordinations and then went with the brethren to Tirsbeck.

24th. My betrothed girl and I went to my parents in Greis and stayed there for the night.

25th. Several of the saints from this neighborhood went with us to Tirsbeck, there to meet Presidents Forsgreen and Jensen, and some saints who had arrived there from Fredericia in the sloop "Zion's Love" (Zion, Lion of). There a meeting convened and President Forsgreen proposed that Father Lars Johansen should be ordained a Priest, which was sustained by a unanimous vote. Father Johansen was then ordained under the hands of Presidents Forsgreen, H. P. Jensen and Chr. J. Larsen. These, and other brethren, spoke to the saints, imparting much good and encouraging instruction and a number of members bore their testimony of the Gospel, which they had received. I occupied a brief part of the time, and bid farewell to the saints in my childhood's home and environments, and this I did with my heart filled with emotional feelings of gratitude for what God made me instrumental in accomplishing there; for I had had my parents, my two sisters, and my three brothers join the church and I had assisted in ordaining them Elders, to viz.; Johannes, Christen, and Lauritz; and my father to the office of a Priest. By brother Soren was also converted but yet not a member, but I felt that he also would be one, before a great while. I therefore, felt very happy and satisfied with the results of my mission and I felt the Lord, as well as His servants, were satisfied with my efforts, though performed in much weakness and imperfection and that I had rinsed my garments from any responsibility as far as the people in that part of the country was concerned. After partaking of refreshments with the saints, we went on board "Zion's Love" that was anchored in the bay, just a little way off from shore, and we then set sail for Copenhagen, leaving about 7 p. m.

26th. We arrived in Copenhagen at noon that day, and my betrothed girl put up with a sister in the church.

27th and 28th, Friday and Saturday. Visited the uncle and other relatives of my girl (Barbara).

29th, Sunday. I spoke in the meeting in the forenoon and I enjoyed much freedom in my expressions. In the afternoon, I also occupied some of the time in speaking. Administered the ordinance of laying on of hands in connection with Elder Samuel Hansen the president of the branch. In the evening I was blessed and set apart for my mission by the presidency, Willard Snow, J. E. Forsgreen and H. P. Jensen. This took place in the mission office and I remained there over night.

30th. I wrote letters to the saints in the branches in Fredericia and Greis and Store Lihme and attended a council meeting in the evening.

31st. I blessed my betrothed girl as she was unwell, and afterwards I paid visits to some special friends among the saints taking leave of them. The brethren of the presidency were with me.

SEPTEMBER, 1852

1st. I also this day visited some of the saints in their private homes. In the evening I was in company with the presiding brethren, W. Snow and John E. Forsgreen, and stayed with them over night.

2nd. I took leave of the brethren that morning, and boarded the mission vessel; "Zion's Love" and we set sail for Aalborg.

3rd. We were on the sea that day and night.

4th. We arrived in Aalborg about 9 p. m. all well.

5th. Attended meetings in both the forenoon and in the afternoon, and occupied some of the time in speaking. In company with Elders H. P. Jensen, Chr. Christiansen and Schou, I blessed some saints who were sick.

6th. I wrote in my daily book and in the evening I attended a council meeting and at the end I offered the benediction.

7th. I was that day in North Sundby and came back to Aalborg in the night.

8th. I bid farewell to the saints in Aalborg, and went over to North Sundby, where I went on board the "Zion's Love", after having taken leave of the saints in that locality. We intended to have started for Hals at the mouth of the fjord, but were prevented on account of contrary wind, and thus we had to remain in Aalborg till the wind changed, but we finally reached Hals.

9th. We landed in Hals and went to a Sister Jacobsen, where we had something to eat. We administered to her children, who were sick. Afterwards we returned on board the vessel and set sail for Brevig in Norway, about 4 P.M. The following missionaries for Norway were on board; Elder Christian J. Larsen, president; Elder John F.F. Dorius, Peter Beckstrom, Svend Larsen, Ole Olsen, Priest Christen Knudse now called Nielsen, and Teacher Niels Hansen, and we had a pretty fair wind during the night and reached our destination within ten miles at nine the next day, the 10th.

11th. But it became a calm almost, and what little wind there was, was contrary, which was also against our wishes; for we had a great desire to be in Brevig on Sunday, the 12th. We found, however, afterwards, that Providence had bestowed a special favor upon us, and although we tried to work our way into port, by tacking towards shore all night, we discovered, when it became day light, that we were yet about two or three (nautical) miles from the fjord, that leads up to Brevig, and we then again tacked against the wind to reach our destination and on Sunday the 12th, we entered the Brevig Fjord, and when we had come near the city of Brevig, within about two or three miles (English) about 10 a. m. we were very happily surprised by meeting two of our brethren. Elder John A. Ahmanson and Priest Jeppe J. Folkman, coming out in a small skiff, not aware of our coming, but going to a family of investigators living across the water. Those two missionaries had just been liberated from jail in Brevig, where they had been held four days for preaching the gospel or Mormonism, and they had obtained their freedom on condition that they should abstain from performing any religious act or rite within that county or district. These conditions were accepted because they had no means of communication with the presiding authorities of the church, and they were looking for our arrival, yet, not knowing when we might come, besides the town of Brevig was in

an uproar and the mob had threatened to kill any Mormon Priests that might attempt to set foot on shore; for it had been rumored that some more Mormon Priests were coming from Denmark. When we learned this, we all felt to give praise and thanks to God, our Heavenly Father, for it now became clear to our understanding, that He knew the plans of our enemies and had frustrated them, by keeping us out of their power, and now were in communion with our brethren in such a convenient place and time. We now accompanied our brethren to a fishing camp, called Bauen, and I, with some others of the brethren, went up on one of the rocks and implored the Lord for His guidance in our peculiar circumstances. We had a very interesting conversation with one family in that place upon the principles of the Gospel, and they showed their good will and appreciation by giving us a good meal. When we again came on board our own yelless (Zion's) Love we found the other brethren, whom we had left there, engaged in singing and prayer, which was a source of joy to me. We now held a council meeting, and it was decided that Elder F. Dorius should remain and labor in Brevig and its vicinity quietly, while the rest of us would proceed to Frederickstad, for there to be assigned their respective fields of labor. I advised the brethren to work in wisdom, and always seek for the guidance of the spirit of God, and several of the other brethren also gave expression to their feelings, and we had a very pleasant time together, because the spirit of God was present to a very great degree, although that important meeting was held in the bowels of a lion, (Zion's Love). After this meeting was dismissed we, Ahmanson, Dorius, Folkman, Fred Andersen and I sailed to a place called Satre near Brevig, but not in view of the town, and we held a good meeting with the saints who lived there, and we spoke encouraging to them in their faith. This was in the evening.

13th. We went to our rented hall and slept there that night. Elder Dorius and I visited some of the saints, and administered the ordinance of laying on of hands to Sister Isackson and F. Anderson, and we also blessed the child of Niels Isackson and encourage the new saints that were present to be faithful. When the two brethren, Ahmanson and Folkman were ready. Elder Dorius and two of the brethren took us in a boat out to our Mission Vessel, "The Lion." We set out for Frederickvarn, on account of the darkness that set in, and because it is very difficult to navigate on the Norwegian coast under such conditions.

14th. At five o'clock in the morning we again set sail for Frederickstad and arrived there about 1 p.m. that day, having sailed ten miles (Norwegian) and we were well received by Emil Larsen and his family at their home in what is called Vaterland, a suburb of the city. We next visited the branch president, J. Johansen, and found him and his family all well. In the evening he held a meeting in the house of Emil Larsen, and Brother Ahmanson and I administered the ordinance of laying on of hands to Brother Ole. We appointed Brother Emil Larsen clerk for Frederickstad Branch. Elder Peter Beckstrom and Priest Christian Knudsen (now Nielsen) to labor in Frederickstad Branch and Elder Ole Olsen and Teacher Niels Hansen to travel in country districts towards Christiania, the capital, to try to open the way for the gospel there, and that Priest Folkman assist these brethren as much as wisdom would dictate, and to introduce them to some friends that he had found before. As Brother Folkman was not in possession of a passport, he would be liable to be arrested at any time for vagrancy and perhaps send him back to Denmark or Brevig, where also his passport was in the hands of the police. At this meeting it was also decided to get up a petition to the government for obtaining recognition and the right to preach and administer the gospel under protection of the law of the land. Such a petition had already been sent from Risoer and Brevig but we had not yet received any answer to it. We blessed Brother Johansen's child and I and some of the brethren talked, teaching upon our doctrine and also administered the sacrament. This meeting lasted during the night till between 2 and 3 a. m.

15th. I wrote some letters in the forenoon, and in the afternoon, about three o'clock Elder Ahmanson, Svend Larsen and I went on board the vessel "Lion" intending to sail for Risoer but we were overtaken by darkness, and did not reach farther than Arrestholi where we therefore stopped over night, having sailed only half a mile.

16th, Thursday. We sailed seventeen miles and reached Fredericksvorn that day.

17th. Started again at 2 p. m. and went ashore on what is called Jomjruland (Virginland) to buy some provisions, and then sail again, but on account of contrary wind we did not proceed more than seven miles (Norwegian).

18th, Saturday. We went ashore again and stopped by a farmer, by name: Anders Hansen, and we had a good opportunity to preach the gospel to him and his family, and they all paid good attention. They sold us some provisions very cheap, and we left their with a good impression, and proceeded on our voyage, (13 miles) to Risoer, where we arrived about 5 p.m. and went at once to Brother Larsen's home, where we spent the evening very pleasantly in conversation with some of the saints. A few new converts had joined the church, by baptism, while the missionaries had been away, and we did our best to cheer them up to keep their covenant.

19th. Several of us went to Levang, about one mile (Norwegian) from Risoer, where Brother John Olsen baptized four persons, and Elder Ahmanson and I confirmed them, by the laying on of hands, and I explained to them the great importance of keeping that holy covenant, which they had just made with God, and to stand firm and faithful through all circumstances, because the Lord intended to have a tried people. After prayer and singing, we returned to the town, where we held a public meeting in the evening in Brother Svend Larsen's house, and quite a number of strangers were present and I preached to them. Afterward we partook of the sacrament with the saints and we felt a great outpouring of the spirit of God upon us.

20th. I wrote a letter to the saints in the Greis branch, Denmark, and afterwards, in company with Elder Ahmanson, I visited the saints in their several homes, encouraging them to faithfulness. In the evening we held a meeting in the home of Brother Svend Larsen, where I and several other brethren bore our testimony, and we all rejoiced.

21st. I wrote a letter to the saints in Fredericia, Denmark, and also one to Pres. Forsgreen. Later in the day I visited some of the saints in their homes, where I also found opportunity to explain the gospel to some strangers.

22nd. Elder Ahmanson and Svend Larsen went to the city of Arendal, with the intention of purchasing a suitable ship for emigration purposes for the saints. I stayed at home and wrote a letter to Brother J. C. Olsen. I afterwards visited some of the saints in their respective homes, and I blessed the child of Sister Evens en. In the evening I conducted a prayer meeting in Brother Svend Larsen's house; a mob had gathered outside and made some disturbance, but this only had effect of making the saints more fervent in their prayers. I occupied some of the time in speaking, imparting instruction to the saints and encouraging them, and we all felt highly blessed.

23rd, Thursday. I wrote letters to Pres. Forsgreen and H.P. Jensen. In the evening the brethren returned from Arendal. We visited the parents of Sister Ingeborg in the evening, with a view of convincing them of the truth.

24th. I spent some time by writing. Later in the day, in company with Elder

Ahmanson, Svend Larsen and John Olsen, I was upon a mountain and had prayer and gave praise to God for His mercy. In the evening we blessed Sister Ingeborg and also a child of Brother S. Larsen, that was sick.

25th. I visited some of the saints and bore my testimony to some strangers but they were not converted. This was in the house of Henry Evensen.

26th,. Sunday. I administered to Elder Ahmanson, who was sick, and he became well at once. We then went to meeting and on the way we were joined by Brother Henry Evensen, who had just returned from a voyage to Denmark. He had the pleasure of baptizing Halvor Torgersen, while he was away. The meeting was opened at 10 a.m. and I and several other brethren spoke to the saints, encouraging them to faithfulness and good works, and to be prayerful all the time. At this meeting it was proposed and sustained that Brother Henry Evensen act as clerk and recorder for the Risoer Branch, and to assist Elder John Alsen, the branch president, in the work, connected with the branch in that city and the country round about. Also that Brother Aaron Olsen was ordained a Teacher. I and Elder Ahmanson ordained him to that office. We also blessed one of the sisters who was sick. We spoke to the saints, laying before them their duties to the brethren who held the Priesthood to preside over them, to pray for them, that they might be wise in all their doings. In the afternoon we had a large congregation and I occupied all the time in speaking, and the spirit of God was with us in a great measure, and we felt to give God the glory for it. After all the strangers had left, Elder Ahmanson and I administered the ordinance of laying on of hands, confirming Halvor Torgrimsen a member of the church, and we next partook of the sacrament and also spoke to the saints, as the spirit lead us to speak in regard to their duties and obligation. We also had the opportunity to speak with two young women (girls) and to convince them of the truth of the gospel.

27th. This day we visited the saints in their respective homes, admonishing them to faithfulness in their duties.

28th. Visited some of the saints and administered to a sick child, belonging to Brother H. Evensen. In the evening held a meeting in the home of S. Larsen. I was lead by the spirit to address the saints concerning their duties and to sustain the servant of God by their faith and prayers, even all, from the Prophet Brigham Young in Zion down to the very least of the offices in the church, showing them that every member on the human body was necessary for the performance of its functions and use, and they could not be dispensed with. Several of the brethren bore testimony to what was said. It was agreed to create a saving fund, by free will donations, for the benefit of the poor, and that Brother H. Evensen be the treasurer for said fund. We also administered to a brother who was sick, and then dismissed by singing and prayer. Later one of the girls referred to before, was baptized by Brother John Olsen, and Elder Ahmanson and I confirmed her by the laying on of hands.

29th. I spent the day in writing and studying. In the evening we held a prayer meeting in Brother S. Larsen's house, but as quite a number of strangers came in, we turned it into a public meeting and several of us spoke, presenting the principles of the gospel, and we were supported by the spirit of God. Outside the house there was some mob demonstration, but we were not disturbed inside. Thanks to God for it. Later in the evening, Brother John Olsen baptized the other girl, before referred to, and in connection with Elders Ahmanson and J. Olsen, I confirmed her a member of the church. Closed the day with singing and praying.

30th. This day I wrote a letter to my girl (in Aalborg) and also to Elder H. P. Jensen. I had an opportunity to explain some of the principles of the gospel to several

persons, and in the evening we held a meeting in the house of Brother John Olsen, the president of the branch, and the spirit of God was present in a high degree, but a mob outside used every means in their power to disturb us, yet they did not commit any harm or violence to any of us. At midnight, the mob dispersed and we continued our meeting a while longer, encouraging the saints as we intended to sail for Brevig the next day if the wind would be favorable. We prayed earnestly for Sister Maria, who was blind that God would restore her sight, and then we had prayer and retired.

OCTOBER, 1852

1st. In connection with Elder Ahmanson, I administered to a sick woman and a girl. I received a letter from Pres. Forsgreen containing some encouraging news from Zion. In the afternoon about 5 o'clock, we, Ahmanson, S. Larsen, H. Evensen and I, went on board "The Lion, " and set sail for Brevig, but did not reach the mouth of the fjord before midnight and therefore stopped there.

2nd. Early in the morning we sailed up the fjord to the town of Brevig, where we found Elder Dorius at our rented hall. Here I received some letters from Elder Beckstrom from Frederickstad in which he asked my advice concerning certain matters pertaining to the saints in that branch. Elder Ahmanson and I visited some of the saints in their homes, among which was a Taylor Ulstad and his wife, who both had apostatized from the faith, but had not at that time been excommunicated, and we found them very stubborn, with all we did to convince them of their error, but to no use. I went to the mayor of the city to have my passport registered, and by him I was strictly forbidden to preach and to perform any religious act or ordinance pertaining to our doctrines, under penalty of imprisonment and fine. The same official constraint had been placed upon me in Risoer, but it only had the effect to give me an opportunity to bear my testimony to them for the truth of the gospel, as proved by the Bible. In the evening we, several of us brethren, rowed over to the other side of the Fjord (in Bamble parish) to Gunner Sorensen, where we held a meeting. Elder Dorius and I preached, and Elder Ahmanson closed with prayer. About midnight we returned to the city.

3rd. We held a council meeting in our rented hall in town, and we agreed upon the following: That Elder Ahmanson and Henry Evensen remain and labor in Brevig, Skeen and the country there about, and that Elder Dorius sails with us to Frederickstad. In the afternoon we again held a meeting in our rented hall, but we had taken the precaution to speak to one another, so as to be safe from the law officers, but as several strangers came in, we told them that we were forbidden to preach publicly, we had taken this course, talking to one another, but were perfectly willing for our visitors to be present and hear what we were talking about and the spirit of God was with us. In the evening we held a meeting in a suburb, called Saetre, where only the saints were present, and we had a very enjoyable time with them and instructed them in their duties and encouraged them. to faithfulness.

4th. I wrote a letter to Pres. Forsgreen, and afterwards, we, Elder Ahmanson, Dorius, H. Evensen and I, visited Shoemaker Jens Jensen and carpenter Isacksen, and explained our doctrines to them and when we left them, we felt impressed that they would embrace the gospel, as they had exhibited a very friendly disposition.

5th. In company with Elder Dorius and S. Larsen, I boarded the vessel, "The Lion, and set sail for Frederickstad, but a mob had gathered before we got off, and they made some noisy demonstrations as we departed, without doing any harm.

6th. We reached the mouth of Frederickstad Fjord about 8 a. m. but we could proceed no farther, on account of contrary wind.

7th. On account of the contrary wind, we were unable to proceed, and we, therefore went ashore to get some provisions, and in landing, our vessel ran aground.

8th. We succeeded to get our vessel afloat and set sail, but the wind was against us, and we, therefore, used a small boat and rowed, landing us in the suburb Waterland. Later I and Brother Niels Hansen returned to "The Lion" to bring the other brethren in as they were left without anything to eat. We succeeded in getting the vessel "The Lion" off the ground, and came back to Waterland before it became dark. In the evening we had a well attended meeting in the home of Brother Emil Larsen, and many strangers were present. Elder Dorius and I bore our testimony to them and a good spirit prevailed throughout, and the saints felt happy. A girl, by the name of Emilie Halversen, was attacked by a fit of convulsions, and I, in connection with the other brethren present, laid our hands upon her, and in the name of Jesus, and by authority of the priesthood, we rebuked that evil spirit and she was instantly relieved and we gave God the glory.

9th. I visited some of the saints this day, and also had a conversation with a man of the orthodox believers in the Lutheran persuasion, and tried to convert him, but in vain. In the evening some of the brethren who had been out as missionaries in the farming districts, came in and reported. Elder P. Backstrom reported that he had been in Christiania and had tried to obtain an audience with the king, who at that time was in the Norwegian capital, but he did not succeed. His object was to obtain from him a decision that would grant us religious toleration.

10th, Sunday. This day I held fasting. We held a meeting in Brother Mons Petersen home in Orii and we had a good time. Two persons requested baptism. Several of the saints in that locality returned with us to Frederickstad where we held a meeting in the evening, in the home of the branch president, J. Johansen, and I and several other brethren were the speakers. At that meeting it was decided by unanimous consent, that Brother Johan Johansen, the president, should be ordained an Elder, and continue as president of that branch of the church, that Brother Emil Larsen be ordained a Priest to do missionary work in the town and its environments; that Niels Hansen be ordained a Priest to continue his labors in the same localities where he had been laboring before; and to assist Priest Anders Larsen Ingulsrud, who had been ordained by Elder Ole Olsen that Brother Mons Petersen be ordained a Teacher, and Ole Filings en to be ordained a Deacon, the three last named brethren to labor in Onseo parish and environments. I then spoke to the saints and the brethren in particular, to be continually prayerful and humble before the Lord, that they might always have His spirit for a guide. We next proceeded to ordain all the before mentioned brethren, and afterwards partook of the sacrament, and all of us felt to rejoice in the blessings of God. After the close of this meeting we went to Waterland where Brother Emil Larsen administered the ordinance of baptism to the two persons from Orli and the branch president, J. Johansen and I confirmed them members by the laying on of hands.

11th, Monday. This day several of the saints were summoned to appear for trial at the police court in Frederickstad, and interrogated about when they were baptized and by who, and where performed, and also in what way it was done; also how often they had partaken of the sacrament. Elder Dorius and I were next summoned to appear before Mr. Berg, the mayor of the city, at 2 p.m. We were asked if we had administered the sacrament, and for what special purpose we had come to Norway, and if we were not aware of the fact that we were transgressing the laws of the country, and if we would consent to do so no more, after thus being warned. We answered respectfully that our doctrine and faith impelled us to respect and honor all good laws, and furthermore, that our doctrines were in perfect harmony with the Bible, and that as Christians, they would



not find fault with us for following its precepts. We took occasion to give the court a brief outline of our faith and added that if these principles were considered to be against the laws of the land, then we considered to be ourselves in duty bound, to obey God, by obeying man. The court demanded and obtained our passports and also our certificates as Elders and missionaries, but at our request, we received a certificate from the court to that effect. From there we went to Brother Johansen, the branch president, where we had an opportunity to explain the principles of the gospel to a stranger. In the evening, we had private meeting with some of the saints, to consider matters with regard to our course to pursue under present circumstances, and it was decided to write and present a petition to the government to obtain from that source the same religious toleration as other dissenters enjoyed, and that Elder Sven Larsen and Priest E. Larsen present it along with some of our tracts and if possible to see and speak with the king, who, at that time, was in Christiania, and thus, verbally present him with a statement of the wrongs, which some of our people had suffered on account of their religion.

12th. I wrote four letters to Denmark, and the brethren, missionaries, proceeded towards their various fields of labor. Elder Sven Larsen and I had intended to sail for Risoer, but on account of contrary wind, we did not get off that day.

13th. The wind was still unfavorable, wherefore we concluded to remain in Frederickstad till Monday, the 18th, and make visits among the saints and our friends in the neighborhood, and that the brethren, S. Larsen and E. Larsen, make the trip to Christiania by our vessel, "The Lion, " to present the petition before the king. I wrote three letters this day. In the evening we held a meeting at Emil Larsen's and quite a number of people were in attendance. A certain candidate for office was present to oppose us, assisted by some school teachers, and they did do their part to disturb our meeting, and they, for that purpose re-iterated the old lying stories about the prophet, Joseph Smith, but, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, we were able to confound them successfully. They therefore, claimed authority from the police to act as they did, of which we became convinced, when the mayor and several of his assistants suddenly appeared and ordered us to desist from further proceedings. I tried to convince them that our religion was in harmony with the Bible which was their own standard for their religious belief, and that laws of the land granted toleration to all Christians, and we considered ourselves as Christians, but to no effect upon them, for they showed very great hostility towards us as a people. When the hostile crowd had all left, we held a prayer meeting, and the saints exhibited much zeal in their prayers for themselves as also for those who had opposed us.

14th. Thursday. In company with Sven Larsen and Jeppe J. Folkman, I visited two families on Trarud and we had long conversation with them concerning the principle of the gospel, when we left them to go to Ingulsrud, did we happen to meet the country judge, Birk Reikewald, who ordered us to state our destination and our business, and when he learned who we were, he ordered us to return to Frederickstad forthwith, to which we objected, but soon after our arrival at Ingulsrud, we were face to face with the county sheriff and a posse of ten men, who arrested the brethren and took them to the county jail, while Sven Larsen and I were ordered to walk back to Frederickstad, arriving there in the evening.

15th. This day I fasted. About 9 a. m. an officer presented himself with orders from the chief of police. Mayor Berg, to accompany him at once to his office. I was no sooner inside the office door, than I was ordered to follow the officer to the jail house I requested an explanation from him about why I was put in jail, but he only replied that all that I had to do was to follow the officer and be gone. I was placed in what was called the citizen's room, where I found two sea captains arrested, to viz. : Jensen and

Jacobsen. They were in prison for disturbing the public peace, and were of the Methodist persuasion and very noisy in their zeal, especially was Jacobsen so, and he finally became full crazy on religion. Elder Sven Larsen was arrested and lodged in the same prison with us that afternoon. We, of course, bore our testimony to our fellow prisoner the two skippers, and Capt. Jensen finally embraced the gospel and joined the church. From that date to October 31st, we were arraigned for trial by the police court in different localities, but I am not able to state in detail all the proceedings because I have lost one leaf of my daily from that period.

NOVEMBER, 1852

1st, Monday. I received a note from some of the brethren, who were imprisoned in another part of the country. The note was signed by Ole Olsen, Jeppe J. Folkmann, Chr. Knudsen and N. Hansen, and brought to us by Brother Emil Larsen, and inquired of me to advise them whether or not they should accept an offer from the police to be discharged and liberated on condition that they would return to Denmark and not come back again. To this proposition I felt constrained, by the spirit, to say, "no", not until I was released and called back to Denmark by the same authority that sent me to Norway even if I would to remain in prison all the rest of my mortal life for the sake of the people transgressions, if the Lord would sustain me, to stand the trial, to the honor of His name. All the brethren in the prison with me signed this my decision and reply to the other brethren. During the rest of that week, we occupied ourselves by reading and prayer as well as singing and bearing testimony to visitors who were admitted to come in to see us.

7th, Sunday. I fasted and we enjoyed ourselves very much in the society of the few saints that were admitted into our prison room.

8th. I wrote a letter to Elder Ahmanson and to the saints in Risoer Branch.

9th. The imprisoned brethren in Elverhoj were taken before the county judge for examination that day.

10th. Berk Reichenvald, the county judge, and Mr. Berg, the mayor of Frederickstad and a priest by name such came into our prison room about 9 o'clock that morning and he county judge especially treated us in a very impolite manner, as if we were criminal and when we made any reply, he would roughly tell us to "shut up"; but we did, nevertheless take advantage of every opportunity to show them that our doctrines were in perfect harmony with the Bible and true Christianity. We were requested to answer several quotations from the "Scandinavian Star" in writing. By our request, we were granted the privilege to go out once in a while to visit with our friends, the saints, but guarded by a police officer.

11th, Thursday. I wrote a letter to the Presidency in Copenhagen, and I stated on the required written reply to quotations from the "Scandinavian Star". I received a very encouraging letter from President Willard Snow, and a five dollar bill enclosed, which I answered right away.

12th. We finished our reply to the before mentioned questions, as required by the court, and at 2 p. m. that day, I was brought before county judge at his office and there I found the other brethren had been brought in from their prison, which was some miles distant from the city of Frederickstad. Beside the county judge, we found ourselves confronted with quite an array of legal dignitaries, all interested in our case, to viz. : the superior chief of the district (Amtmand) B. Reichewald; the chief clerk, Mr. Bing; Mayor Berg, secretary Churning, Mr. Ask, the constable, and a Lutheran clergyman.

Brother J.J. Folkman and I were the first of the prisoners examined and the following colloquy took place;

What is the relationship of the "Scandiaviens Stjerne" to you and your religion ?

Answer. It is a publication in which the saints can present and advocate their religious views, as we find them sustained by the doctrine of our faith and the Bible, and I added, that I was willing to answer any and all questions that the court might put to me, God being my helper.

Question. If I was present at a conference, held in Copenhagen, Aug. 12th, at which it was decided to have "Skandiaviens Stjerne" issued twice a month.

Answer. Yes.

Question. If I had answered in writing the several questions which had been submitted to me on a former occasion.

Answer. Yes, and I then produced the papers which were then read, but did not seem to be entirely satisfactory to the court, and I was, therefore, interrogated further concerning certain points in our reply, but in such a threatening and crafty way that it became evident that they were only trying to ensnare me in the meshes of the law, wherefore I again referred them to written statement and the Bible. To this the chief, the Amtmand, tauntingly replied, why I did not send the Bible instead of coming myself into court, inasmuch as I always referred to the Bible as my answer to legal interrogations. He wanted me to know that I was here arraigned before a civil court, and that I would be judged according to the legal laws of the land and not according to the Bible, and it was their desire that truth and justice might prevail, etc. To this last expression of the judge, I replied that this was a source of joy to me, for we were here for no other purpose than to promote righteousness and proclaim the truth, and that we, like the apostles of old, taught the people to honor God and to respect and obey all good laws and the legal authorities of the land, and that the Bible did not teach anything contrary to this.

Question. For what purpose have you come to this country ?

Answer. We have come here to teach the people the true gospel of Jesus Christ and to warn them, so as to prepare themselves for the second coming of Christ.

Question. With regard to the insufficiency of the Written Word or Revelations ? But as this point had been explained in our written reply, I only referred to that again, and the accompanying quotations from the Bible.

Question. Who of us held the Melchisedek Priesthood and who only the Aaronic Priesthood and what was the difference between the two, and what was the difference between a president and an Elder and if a person could hold both of these positions ?

I informed them that in their Bible they could find the difference between the Priesthood, which John the Baptist, held, and that which the Apostle Peter held, and as they continued in a sneering way to call me "President, " I at last said; You call me so, and that is just what I am, in the name of Jesus Christ and to His honor. The chief officer (Amtmand) then, in a very insulting tone exclaimed: "I am not Felix; and you are not Paul, " to which I replied; "You, yourself, compel me to answer you. "

Question. If I had any revelations concerning him (the Amtmand) while I had been confined ?

Answer. If God should see fit to give me one command, me to inform you about it, then I should surely do so.

Question. If I would return to Denmark, if I was liberated from prison ?

Answer. Not till God shall release me, through His servants, who sent me here.

Question. If I would refrain from preaching and baptizing as well as from

performing any other act or ordinance pertaining to our faith ?

Answer. If you or any of your priests can convince me that our doctrine and faith is not in accordance with the doctrine of Christ, then I will, for I desire to obtain salvation, and to do the will of God, and would advise you to do the same. To this the chief contemptibly replied: We consider it beneath the dignity of our priests to argue with you, and for this reason we have brought you before the civil court to investigate your doctrines and your belief, and I now forbid you to mislead any more souls by your false doctrines; for I have a great responsibility resting upon me, if I don't stop it, and, said he, people have come to me by the hundreds and thanked me for what I had done towards stopping this heresay, and wherever I come, I am requested to do my best to stop it.

Question. Where I thought that Zion was located ?

Answer. Zion consists of "the pure in heart, " and wherever they were, there would be a Zion.

Question. If I believed it was by the Great Salt Lake in North America ?

Answer. Yes, and I referred them to the Scriptures, where the prophets of old had spoken of the gathering of the Gentiles as well as of the Jews, and I asked them to read for themselves about this. Elder Ole Olsen was next asked if he would desist from performing any ceremony or ordinance pertaining to our religious belief, here in Norway, and if he would leave the country and return to Denmark ? His answer. Yes, if he could be released inside of the present month, and if I would give my consent, and he added, that he had written to me about that proposition some time ago, and that said letter had been forwarded to me through the Mayor. I was then asked if I had said letter in my possession, to which I answered in the affirmative, and that I had received it all right. A constable was then sent for it in our prison room but returned without it. I was asked if I would permit Olsen to leave the country. I was, meanwhile, sent back to our prison in charge of a constable, to bring Brother Olsens letter into court, and after producing it, it was read in court. While I was absent. Priests Folkman and Knudsen had been interrogated, if they would leave the country and return to Denmark, and they had given the same answers as Elder Ole Olsen had given previously. I was again asked if I would give my consent to their departure. I answered that each one of them had their own free will and choice in that respect, and could do as they pleased, but as for myself, I would stay in prison for the cause of truth and testimony of Jesus, as long as God would require it of me, and I hoped, that He would give me strength to endure it. I was again asked, if I believed that all people should go to Zion in order to be saved ? In my reply, I referred them to the prophesied of Joel, 3 chap. ; Esaias 2nd and 6th chap. ; Jeremiah 16th chap. ; Hezechia, 20th chap. ; and Micha 4th chap. They tried in various ways to bring me to say something that would enable them to bring us under the ban of the law, as an unchristian sect. Again I was asked to persuade the people to emigrate to that place also ? My answer was, that we were teaching the people the Gospel of Christ, as it is found in the Bible, and if that sacred book teaches us to flee to Zion in order to escape the destructive judgements of God, that will precede the second coming of our Savior, we would go there, and all others: who would obtain a like testimony, could do so also if they wished to, and we would not have need to use persuasion. They continued their interrogations, however, in various ways, trying to catch me and even threatened me with imprisonment on bread and water diet, for contempt, if I did not answer their questions by a straight Yes or No, but I continued as previously, to refer them to the Bible. The other brethren were then remanded back to the sheriff's prison (on Elferjoh) and Brother Emit Larsen was next brought into court, and asked if he had administered baptism to anyone, etc. He was also interrogated concerning the "Scandinavian Star" and the "Book of Mormon", and he answered these questions very properly, as a whole, and I was then asked if I agreed

with him in what he had stated. I answered that I did not believe that the Bible had been corrupted as they had made Brother Larsen say, by their trick interrogations, and did not believe that Brother Larsen carried such an idea, but that our views, in regard to the two books, the Bible and the Book of Mormon, was that the Bible had been translated by uninspired men, while the Book of Mormon had been translated by revelation and the power of God, and yet we believe in and teach the doctrines and principles contained in the Bible, and that all men, who will believe and obey these precepts, will be saved and we also believe that all men, who do not do so, will be punished according as it is written in that sacred book. Brother Larsen was permitted to explain what he meant by this expression "Corrupted" in reference to the Bible, and he did that in a very intelligent and consistent manner. The court adjourned at 9 p. m. that day. I felt as though I had been greatly blessed and sustained by the Lord during these court proceedings. and felt in my heart to pray for those men who were thus trying to deprive us of our liberty, and I give the glory to Him, who is Alpha and Omega, Beginning and the End, Amen. When I came back to our prison I found Elder Ahmanson there as he had been brought there from Risoer but he was not permitted to remain in the same room with us until after he also had been tried before the court. The brethren and I gave thanks to Our Heavenly Father and praised Him in song before retiring for the night.

13th. We fasted this day. Elders Ahmanson and Beckstrom were brought before the court for trial, and they were interrogated in the same way as we had been tried, and they answered accordingly. I wrote a letter to the Presidency in Copenhagen that day. After the trial was over. Elder Ahmanson was placed in the same prison room with the rest of us, and it appeared a remarkable circumstance that we thus two representatives from each of the three Scandinavian nations, to viz. : 2 Danes; 2 Norwegians and 2 Swedes, which perhaps had never happened before, at least not for the sake of preaching the gospel of Christ. Elder Ahmanson brought good news from his late field of labor in Risoer and Brevig, four had been baptized in Risoer and three in Brevig, and we felt to rejoice in the progress of the work of God.

14th, Sunday. We fasted and spent the day in prayer and in song. I wrote an encouraging letter to the saints in Risoer and I had an opportunity this day to bear my testimony to the jailer and his family. Later in the day we were visited by some of the saints, the jailer admitting them into our room, and we partook of the sacrament with them and had a regular meeting with them, preaching, praying and singing, and we felt to rejoice in the blessings of God.

15th. We continued to fast this day with prayer and song, and we felt ourselves blessed by the Lord after these three days fasting.

16th. Elder Dorius, Ahmanson and Larsen were before the court a short time this day.

17th, Wednesday, and 18th, Thursday. We spent the time by reading and singing for joy, praising God, our Heavenly Father.

19th. I was invited to take dinner with the jailer and his family, and had thus a good opportunity to lay before them the principles of the gospel. After dinner, the jailer, Mr. Fjeldsted, accompanied us on a visit to the saints in Vaterland.

20th. I wrote in my journal and some letters.

21st, Sunday. I received several letters from Denmark. Some of the saints were permitted to visit us in our rooms, and some strangers also, to whom we bore our testimony concerning the Gospel.

22nd. I did some writing. Was visited by some of the brethren in the evening and had a good time.

23rd. I wrote four letters this day. In the evening was visited by four brethren and sisters. All well.

24th. I did some writing.

25th. Mr. Fjeldsted, our jailer, took me out on a visit to the saints in Vaterland. We found them all well. Afterwards he took me out to Elverjoh Prison to visit our brethren there, and we found them all contented. After our return to Frederickstad, I took dinner with Mr. Fjeldsted. The other brethren were visiting in Vaterland that evening.

26th. I held a fast day and did some writing. In the evening Brother Emil Larsen and Sister Emilie visited us.

28th. I wrote a letter to the presidency in Copenhagen. Brother Beckstrom was permitted to go out and visit the brethren in Elverjoh, and in the evening two of these brethren, Folkman. and Hansen, together with some of the saints, visited us in our prison, and we had a very enjoyable time together by singing the songs of Zion and prayer.

29th and 30th. I held a fast day and did some writing, and I felt myself very much blessed by the Lord.

DECEMBER, 1852

1st. Elder F. Dorius and I visited some of the saints in Vaterland and in the city, and we found them all full of joy in the gospel.

2nd. Brother Emil Larsen and Sister Emilie visited us, and we rejoiced by prayer and singing.

4th. Brother J. Johansen and Emil Larsen were here, and it was arranged so that Brother Beckstrom was liberated on condition that he would not officiate in any ordinance pertaining to our religion. It was presumed that he would work at his trade for Brother Johansen, who was a shoemaker. A couple of ruffians ill treated Sister Emilie while on her way home.

5th. I received letter from Brevig and Risoer, bringing the painful news that two of our brethren had perished at sea, during a voyage to Denmark. Their names were H. Evans and H. Jorgensen, but found condolence in the assurance that they had died in hope of a glorious resurrection. I, therefore, wrote to the saints in Risoer imparting to them such condolence as I could. Elder Ahmanson was permitted to visit the imprisoned brethren in Elverjoh. We fasted and prayed for the bereaved families.

6th, Monday. I wrote a letter to Erastus Snow, the Apostle; afterwards Elder Dorius and I visited the saints in Vaterland and in the city and we happened to have a conversation with the before mentioned Mr. Kjerulf about the principles of the Gospel, but we found him to be just as bitter and hostile to us as on a former occasion.

7th, Tuesday. I wrote a letter to President Forsgreen and also one to Carl Dorius. Some of the saints visited us in the evening.

8th. I wrote a letter to my betrothed girl, and some of the saints visited us in the

evening.

10th. I wrote a letter to the presidency and also one to the saints in Brevig.

12th. I wrote an encouraging letter to the saints in Risoer.

13th. Elder Svend Larsen and I wrote a report of the court proceedings, to be entered in the Record book of the branch. We were visited by some of the brethren in the evening.

14th. This day we fasted and finished writing the report of our trials in court. Elder Beckstrom had received a letter from President Forsgreen, requiring Beckstrom, Ole Olsen and Knudsen to Copenhagen, if possible, so that they could go to Zion with a company of emigrants that was to leave on December 22nd. We spent part of the day by prayer and singing the songs of Zion, and we felt very much blessed.

15th. We fasted this day. Brother Niels Infulsrod was here and we sang the songs of Zion and prayed.

16th. I spent the time by reading and in prayer.

17th, Friday. Elder Svend Larsen and I visited some of the saints in Vaterland, and we found them in good cheer and with Brother C. Knudsen, E. Larsen, we met a Mr. C. Widerborg, a merchant from the suburb of Frederickstad. He believed in our doctrines and asked for baptism. We thus had occasion for much rejoicing and gave praise to God.

18th. I spent the day by fasting and doing some writing. Elder Ahmanson and F. Dorius were in Vaterland.

19th. I wrote some letters and later in the day Elder Svend Larsen and I visited our imprisoned brethren in Elverhoj, remaining with them five hours. On our return trip we visited the saints in the city and spoke words of comfort and consolation to them. Arriving at our quarters we had a good talk with the daughters of Mr. Fjeldsted the jailer. Brother Beckstrom, Emil and S. Larsen had been inquiring for us while we were away.

20th and 21st. I fasted and spent the time by prayer and in song. Some brethren visited us.

23rd, Wednesday. Mr. Berg, the Mayor, called on us and inquired if we had any complaint to make with regard to our treatment. In the afternoon we were brought before the court, but none of us who had been tried previously were interrogated this time, only some of the saints were put through, as before. A priest, by the name of Falkenberg, and a constable by name of Amborg, were sworn in as witnesses, and the last named did not tell the truth either, and the court understood it too. Finally the court adjourned about 5 o'clock. Two of our brethren were on a visit in Vaterland.

24th. I wrote a letter of condolence to the saints in the city and the environments, and included some doctrinal points for their benefit, reminding them of their duties and obligations towards God and one another, not forgetting their prayers. Elder F. Dorius and Jensen were out visiting the saints in Vaterland.

25th, Saturday. Eight of the saints were permitted to come in to us in our room, and we enjoyed ourselves together with song and in prayer, as well as in conversation,

and the time passed off very pleasantly. Later in the day, I, in company with Elder Ahmanson, Svend Larsen and J. A. Jensen were permitted to go out visiting, I and Brother Larsen spent quite a while with Carl Widerborg and afterwards joined us at a place called Trara, where quite a number of the saints had assembled. The before mentioned pastoral letter, which I had written to the saints, was read, and all seemed to appreciate its contents and to rejoice, and it was indeed a day of liberty, especially so to us prisoners. Later, our guard, Mr. Billington, took us back to the city and out to Vaterland, where we met with some of the saints that lived in that neighborhood, and we had again a very enjoyable time with them. Elder S. Larsen on that occasion blessed the child of Brother S.P. Larsen, naming it Gabrielle Jessie Larsen. From there we went to our prison hotel.

26th, Sunday. Some of the brethren came to visit us and Brother Johansen's mother-in-law came with a very wicked spirit against us, but I spoke to her and warned her against the dangers of giving way to an accusing and fault finding spirit, and she seemed to be converted and left us in a much better mood. The same day we were visited by five strangers from Risoer, to whom I explained the principles of the gospel. Later in the day I and Elder Ahmanson and F. Dorius, accompanied by Mr. F. Billington, the constable, visited the saints in Vaterland, and had a very enjoyable time with them, for four hours, in conversation, song and prayer. On our return to our home, the jail, our guard took us into his own home, where we also spent a short time pleasantly, singing and talking to his family.

27th, Monday. I fasted and the other brethren likewise, I did some writing. Our brethren, Johansen, the branch president, Emil Larsen and Svend P. Larsen were here. The decision of the higher court was read to Brother Johansen and E. Larsen, the sentence being five days imprisonment on bread and water, besides paying the cost of court. This was the same sentence as the one given in the first and lower court. The brethren then took an appeal to the king. We sang and prayed to the Lord, and then it was agreed that Brother Emil Larsen should be ordained an Elder, in order to go and visit the saints in Brevig and Risoer. Accordingly I and the others ordained him.

28th. I occupied some time by reading. H. Fjeldsted took me to Vaterland. I received three letters from Aalborg, dated 17th and 18th. In the evening received a visit from two of the saints.

29th, Wednesday. Spent some time by writing; we decided to fast next day. Some of the saints called here.

30th. We held a fast day and sang and prayed. I did some writing. Elder Johansen was here.

31st. Sister Randine Larsen brought some letters for me from Brother Olsen, the president of Risoer branch, with two dollars enclosed and good news from that quarter. I wrote a letter to the saints in that branch, comforting and encouraging them in their faith and good works. We stayed up all night, singing and praying. Elders Ahmanson, Dorius and I sang 24 Hymns.

## JANUARY, 1853

1st, Saturday. Brother C. Widerborg and four of the sisters visited us, and we rejoiced with them in singing, prayer and conversation. In the evening, we. Brothers Ahmanson, Dorius and I, were accompanied by Mr. Billington, the constable, to our people in Vaterland, where we found a meeting in progress and I prayed with them and



sang several songs with them and we felt greatly blessed.

2nd. I wrote a letter to the saints in Risoer. In the afternoon I had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Fjeldsted, the jailer, and his family.

3rd, Monday. Mr. Fjeldsted took Brother Ahmanson and me to Vaterland and to Brother Johansen, the president of the Frederickstad Branch.

4th. At 6 in the morning we all started, accompanied by Mr. Fjeldsted, for a place called Kjeroldsrud, where a court proceeding was to be held that day, a distance of about 5 or 6 miles. None of us prisoners, however, were examined, but several saints and some strangers were interrogated with regard to our moral conduct from a Christian standpoint, and they all testified to our good and Christian like behavior in every respect. One woman present, who believed in the gospel, but had not been baptized, because her husband objected to it, would not submit to be placed under oath, but who was compelled to do so by the court, The other brethren from Elverhoj were also present on this trial. The court adjourned at 1 p.m. to convene again on the 14th of the same month.

5th, Wednesday. I wrote letters to the saints in Brevig and Risoer, requesting them to petition the government for religious liberty. I also wrote a letter to my betrothed girl, and was that day visited by Brother Emil Larsen and Sister E. Halvorsen

6th. I wrote a letter to Brother R. Johnsen. Ahmanson and Dorius were in Vaterland.

7th, Friday. I wrote a letter to President Willard Snow. Spent the day in prayer and song.

8th. We asked the mayor to grant us more personal freedom but this was not granted. Elder Ahmanson was on a visit with the brethren in Elverhoj. Brother Johansen brought us letters from Copenhagen and from Risoer.

9th. Elder P. Backstrom came here, and two visitors from Risoer to whom we bore our testimony.

10th. Brothers C. Widerborg and Emil Larsen started for Christiania in order to present a petition to the Ecclesiastical Department to be granted liberty to public worship.

12th. Did some writing. In the evening Mr. Billington took us all to Vaterland. I received nine letters this day; eight of them from Denmark, and some of them more than a month old, I also received the "Scandinavian Star" and some pamphlets--good news in them.

13th. Writing, singing, and praying--the day went well.

14th. We were again summoned to be in court at the same place as before, Kolberg. None of us prisoners, however, were interrogated. Two persons, not of our faith, were examined under oath, but they had nothing to say against us. The court adjourned to convene again on the 19th of the same month. On our way back to our quarters, we called on Brother Widerborg at his home. He and Emil Larsen had returned from their mission in Christiania, and had had an interview with the secretary in the Ecclesiastical Department, and they had learned that our petition had been forwarded to the King.

15th, 16th, and 17th. We spent the time singing and in prayer, and felt much joy in our souls.

18th. I wrote letters to Johannes and Lauritz Larsen, my brothers, and to Stine Larsen, my sister.

19th. I wrote letters to Soren Larsen and to Rasmus Johansen. At 2 p.m. we were brought into court and one witness was examined. We were asked if we had anything further to add to our statement in court as regards polygamy, "which they said, was practiced by our people in America. I said that I had never heard about that practice and that the court might feel justified in considering us, as a people, unchristian. Furthermore, I said, that if they or any one else of the inhabitants in Norway, would convince us of any wrong doctrine in our religion, the Gospel of Christ, then we would recant and join them. I had made a similar declaration in court before, but notice had not been taken and recorded. The court adjourned at 9 p.m. and we all felt to praise God, who had evidently sustained us.

20th. Brother Sven Larsen and I wrote a report of this last court proceedings in our record book, and

21st. We continued that work and finished it. I received a letter from Brevig.

22nd. I wrote to the saints in Brevig, encouraging them to be patient and faithful.

23rd. Mr. Fjeldsted took me out in town for a sleigh ride. This was Sunday.

24th. Brother Beckstrom brought me the "Scandinavian Star" and some letters. One was from Brother Hahn in Copenhagen, two from the brethren Sven P. and Emil Larsen in Vaterland.

25th. I fasted this day. Wrote letters to the saints in Brevig and also to S. P. and Emil Larsen.

26th. I wrote to Brother Emil Larsen, giving instructions to them, about what I wanted them to do in Brevig, if they were permitted to land.

27th and 28th. I wrote letters to my brother C.G. Larsen in Bornholm, Denmark, and to Brother Jensen in Brevig.

29th and 30th. All of us fasted. Day spent in prayer, singing and conversation. Received a letter from John Olsen, the president of the Risoer Branch.

31st. Spent that day in the same way.

## FEBRUARY, 1853

1st. We felt to rejoice in the blessings of God.

2nd. I received two very encouraging letters from the presidency in Copenhagen.

3rd. I wrote letters to President H. P. Jensen; two of the brethren, Emil and Sven P. Larsen, visited us in the evening.

4th. Spent the time by writing.

N.B. From this date and to the 26th of this month, the leaves of my diary are lost.

26th. I wrote to the saints in Brevig to obtain their signatures to our petition.

27th. I wrote to President Willard Snow. One of the brethren brought three strangers, as visitors, to whom we explained our doctrine of the gospel.

28th. This day I was unwell, and stayed in bed most of the day.

MARCH, 1853

1st. I wrote to the brethren, who were confined in Elverhoj, trying to cheer them up and to take courage, and not to neglect their prayers to God, who is our friend.

2nd. In the evening we were visited by two friends, I commenced writing an account and report of our mission in Norway, for publication, in the "Scandinavian Star". I was introduced to a captain, who was a visitor with Mr. Fjeldsted, and explained to him our faith and doctrine. Two of the brethren brought me letters from Jensen.

3rd. I answered the letters which I had received the day before.

4th. The decision of the higher court was read to us, which was to the same effect as that from the lower court, but decided to appeal again, and proceeded to write another plea in our case. Elder P. Beckstrom and Emil Larsen were here. Some of our friends had applied for baptism, and I advised that in doing so, to be wise and very careful, yet to perform that sacred ordinance to any one that they found worthy and fully converted to the gospel. Carl Widerborg was baptized that evening by Emil Larsen.

5th. Finished our written plea to the Supreme Court. Carl Widerborg came here, and Elder Ahmanson and I confirmed him by the laying on of hands, I being mouth, and at the same time we ordained him to office of priest. We felt much joy and gratitude towards God, for we realized that we in that man would have much needed help, and we gave him in commission to rewrite and correct our written plea, before it was to be forwarded to the Supreme Court.

6th. I wrote a letter to the saints in Risoer to obtain their signatures to our petition for religious liberty. Brothers Beckstrom and Widerborg came here and brought some good news from Denmark. In the afternoon we were permitted to go out and visit our friends in Vaterland and in the city. In the evening we had a visit from the brethren from Elverhoj prison, and we had a joyful time with them by singing and pleasant conversation and prayers.

7th and 8th. I wrote more concerning our mission and to Brother Widerborg, asking him to proof write it for us, and sent our message to him by Miss Maria Fjeldsted, the daughter of our prison host. Several members of the church made us a visit, and we had a fine time with them, singing our hymns and in prayer.

9th. I wrote a finishing testimony to our mission report and had it forwarded to Brother Widerborg. Brother Emil Larsen was put in jail on bread and water diet, because he was a Mormon. I received a letter from Brother Jensen in Brevig containing some encouraging news.

10th. I wrote three letters today; one to my parents and to my brother John and my

sister Stine and one to Brother Jensen in Risoer. In the evening we had a visit from Brother and a Mr. Gunder and Bouen, with whom we had a long and interesting conversation upon the principles of the gospel, and they were very attentive listeners. We had a fine time with them.

11th. I wrote two letters and forwarded our mission report to Denmark.

12th. I wrote some encouraging letters to the saints in the city and I received a letter from Brother John Olsen, the president of the Risoer Branch. A man by name, Berthart Hansen, a mason by trade, but at the time imprisoned in Christiania, sent me a letter, asking me to forward some of our tracts to him. Brother Peter Kerup asked to be permitted to emigrate with the next company going to Zion, as he did not wish to be drafted into the army.

13th. I wrote letters to Risoer and forwarded a copy of our petition. In the afternoon a police man took us out to Vaterland. We found the saints there engaged in a prayer meeting and we joined them and had a pleasant time with them. I received a letter from Brother, who was in prison, in which he expressed himself as troubled in his mind, and I, therefore, wrote to him, trying to cheer him.

14th. Brother Sven P. Larsen and Emilie Halvorsen were here together with her brother Halvorsen. Mr. Billington, the sheriff, brought a prominent citizen of the town into us, and we had a very interesting conversation.

15th and 16th. I wrote letters to Brothers Emil Larsen and J. Johansen, and also sent a copy of our petition to the saints in Brevig. In the afternoon Elder Svend Larsen, one of our fellow prisoners, received a communication from the county judge, granting him the privilege to leave the prison, which he had asked for.

17th, 18th and 19th. I wrote letters to Brother Jensen in Risoer, and also to Elders P. Beckstrom and Svend Larsen.

20th. I fasted this day. Mr. Fjeldsted, the son of our jailer, took us on a visit to our imprisoned brethren in Elverhoj. We were also visited by the two sisters, Widerborg and Bruum, and we appreciated and enjoyed their visit. In the evening we administered to Randine Larsen, who was sick, and we had a pleasant talk with Mr. Fjeldsted's family.

21st. This day I filled my 22nd year. I wrote a letter to Brother Widerborg and I felt much joy.

22nd. I received a letter from Pres. H.P. Jensen, in which he invited me to come to conference in Copenhagen, April 6th, if possible.

23rd. I wrote to the county judge, petitioning for the privilege to go to Copenhagen, offering security or bonds for my re-appearance, whenever wanted. This was done by me according to instructions from the presidency in Copenhagen, and with the consent of my fellow prisoners. Several of the brethren were here, and we had a very pleasant time together. I received a letter from the saints in Risoer, wherein they expressed the hope that we would soon pay them a visit.

24th. I did some writing. Some of the saints were here, and I blessed and consecrated a bottle of oil for Sister Randine Larsen. We had a good time together.

25th. I wrote two letters. I had a talk with the family of Mr. Fjeldsted upon the principles of the gospel.

26th. Writing some today. In the afternoon I was invited down into the private rooms of Mr. Fjeldsted's, where I was introduced to several strangers with a view of explaining to them our doctrines and faith, but they were much opposed to our faith, yet the Lord sustained me by His spirit, and when they left, they were imbued with a much more friendly disposition towards us.

27th, Sunday. I wrote letters to Brevig and Risoer. In the afternoon the brethren from the other prison in Elverhoj were here on a visit, and we enjoyed ourselves by singing and in prayer and pleasant conversation.

28th. I wrote out a report of conditions of us and mission in Norway, to the presidency in Copenhagen. Brother Johansen, the branch president, brought some good news of the work in his district. Two persons had been baptized the previous Friday, and three others on Sunday. We gave thanks to God for His blessings.

29th. Several members of the branch made us a visit, and we enjoyed ourselves with them, in singing and in prayer.

30th. I received a communication from the county judge to the effect that I might be liberated, by giving bonds and security.

31st. That day, about 4 p. m, I was liberated on certain conditions, and attended a prayer meeting with the saints that evening, where I spoke to them, instructing them as well as encouraging them to be faithful and diligent in their duties as saints. In the night I returned to my lodgings in the prison.

#### APRIL, 1853

1st. I left the brethren (in the prison) and went to Brother C. Widerborg in the suburb, on the other side of the river, and returned with him in the afternoon; we held a council meeting then, in which Brother Emil Larsen was honorable released from acting as clerk for Frederickstad Branch, and Carl Widerborg sustained in that position. It was also decided to hold a council and general meeting with the saints in the country district outside town, on the 4th of that month, and to have as many of the saints attend as possible. Also, that we celebrate the 6th of April, the date when the church was organized, by coming together and rejoice by songs and prayers, and thus be in harmony with the saints, who on that day will meet in conference in Copenhagen. I occupied some of the time in speaking, encouragingly, to the saints.

2nd. I had a conversation with some strangers upon the principles of the gospel, and afterwards I visited the brethren in prison, and also Brother Johansen, the president of the branch and the Bruun family. Brother P. Beckstrom was with me.

3rd, Sunday. Brother C. Widerborg and I visited and had a conversation upon the gospel principles, a family, a little outside the town, and we found them favorable impressed with what we explained to them. In the afternoon we held a well attended meeting at a wealthy farmer's, by name, Jorgen Johannesen, his farm called Orle. Brother Widerborg delivered a lengthy sermon upon the first principles of the Gospel, and he was greatly blessed by the spirit. When he was through, I felt impressed to speak, but as I was only enjoying my freedom on condition that I would refrain from preaching, I told the people so, but I thought that I had a right to tell them what had

caused my arrest and confinement in prison, together with the other brethren. I had not promised to be silent altogether, and I could see that the people were desirous to know the nature of our offence, I would tell them all about it--our teachings and acts in administering the Gospel ordinances, etc. , and that it all was in perfect harmony with the teachings of the Savior himself, and no one had been able to prove anything to the contrary, not even their own educated parsons and clergymen, and therefore we had been imprisoned. I bore testimony to what God had done in establishing His church, through the Prophet Joseph Smith. The family in whose house this meeting was held, were converted and joined the church, by baptism, a short time after, and several others in that neighborhood did the same, and everything went off very quietly, although some of them could not find room inside the two large rooms in the house, and were obliged to stand in the doorway and entrance hall.

4th. Brother Widerborg and I visited the brethren in the prison and obtained permission for them to accompany us to Ingulsrud, where we held a council meeting, in which it was decided that Brother Carl Widerborg should be ordained an Elder and Ole Ellingsen to be ordained a priest. I occupied some time in speaking to the brethren counseling them to seek wisdom and act accordingly in all things. The spirit of God was with us in a great measure. Afterwards the two brethren were ordained to their respective degrees in the Priesthood--Elder Sven Larsen being mouth. I pronounced the benediction.

5th, Tuesday. Elder C. Widerborg and I went out to Vaterland to try to settle some difficulties between Brother S.P. Larsen and his wife, as they had not been on good terms for some time. I had talked to them on several occasions, while I was confined in prison, but seemingly to no avail, but after I had talked to them quite a while, with regard to their duties as saints and also as between husband and wife, the spirit of God touched their hearts, and they asked forgiveness of each other, and then we bent our knees before the Lord, in their behalf, and prayed with them, and afterwards we blessed their son Peter. Later on, we visited the brethren in the prison and also Elder J. Johansen, the president of the branch.

6th, Wednesday. I fasted; .went to Ingoldrud, where we met in conference in Brother Niels Ingoldrud's house. Having opened our meeting with song and prayer, I explained to them the necessity for us to sustain the authorities of the church, even from President Brigham Young as the head, down to the man who held the least degree of the Holy Priesthood in the church. I also spoke upon other subjects, particularly upon the duties connected with the Priesthood. By unanimous vote it was decided that Elder Svend Larsen, Emit Larsen and S.P. Larsen proceed to the branches of Brevig and Risoer, to cheer up the saints there, and at the same time do all what they could to promote and strengthen the work of God in that part of the country. After this, I presented for the acceptance and support of the saints, the authorities of the church in their regular order, from the presidency in Zion down to our own mission organization in Norway, and all these officers were sustained by unanimous vote. Several of the brethren spoke their feelings, and the spirit of God was with us in a great measure. In connection with Elder Peter Beckstrom, I blessed Elder Svend Larsen, Emil Larsen, Elder C. Widerborg and Priest Ole Ellingsen, setting them apart for their missions. I also administered a blessing to Sister Regine, who was sick, and we all felt greatly blessed and gave praise to our Father in Heaven. The conference adjourned sine Die, by singing and prayer. We then went to Brother Widerborg's home, where all the saints who lived in the city had supper, and finally closed the day's proceedings with song and prayer.

7th. I received a letter from my girl and after Brother Widerborg and I went to

Vaterland to Brother Emil Larsen, who then turned over the record books and accounts to Brother Widerborg. We also blessed a child, belonging to Brother Johansen and afterwards made a brief visit to the brethren in prison. I had a conversation with a sea captain this day and also with the family of Brother Bruun.

8th. I visited the brethren in the prison, and then went to Vaterland, to Emil Larsen where I found Brother Jens Jensen, who had arrived from Brevig. He and I then went to visit the brethren in prison on Elverhoj, and we stayed with them a couple of hours. I had a lengthy conversation with Mrs. Michelsen, the wife of the jailer, explaining the principles of the Gospel, and I, joining the children in singing. From there we returned to Vaterland, where we held a council meeting in the evening. I spoke to the brethren upon their duties in the Priesthood, and proposed that Brother Jens Jensen from Brevig should be ordained an Elder, and Brother . . . , shoemaker, to the office of Priest, which was agreed to by a unanimous vote. All the brethren who were present spoke, expressing their feelings and their testimony, after which I, in connection with Elders Svend Larsen and P. Beckstrom, ordained the brethren. After a song and prayer, the meeting was dismissed.

9th. Elder C. Widerborg and I went to Vaterland to take leave of the brethren who were off, and I gave to Elder Svend Larsen a letter of certificate and appointment, directed to the saints in Brevig and Risoer, informing them of Elder Larsen's special mission and duties until such time when I could come and visit them myself. Before their final departure we joined with them in song and prayer, and with a fair breeze we saw them set sail and get off. Afterwards we visited the brethren in the prison and then crossed the river over to the suburb, where we came in conversation with some people, who called themselves Evangelists. We consecrated a bottle of oil to be used by and for the sick; I wrote a letter to my girl in Denmark and also commenced on a letter to my parents.

10th, Sunday. I had an opportunity this day to bear my testimony to some strangers in the home of Brother Widerborg. In the afternoon I visited the brethren in our prison and I found Mr. Fjeldsted very much excited because we had preached to his family. I pleaded that it was his daughters that had come to us in our prison and inquired about our belief. From there I went to Brother Johansen, in whose home was held a meeting that day. All the saints present engaged in prayer, and I occupied some time in speaking to them, and I also blessed two children, belonging to Brother Ole . . . , and confirmed one brother by the ordinance of laying on of hands. Elder J. Johansen assisting. We a felt greatly blessed. The meeting was adjourned by song and prayer. In the evening I had an opportunity to speak with some strangers.

11th. This day I finished my letter to my parents, and I also wrote a letter to Pres. Willard Snow, and also one to each of my own brother Johannes Greis and to Brother Jens Hansen in Fune.

12th. I had a lengthy conversation with some strangers, this day, in the house of Brother Brown, and among them was a seafaring captain Jensen; they seemed to be quite interested.

13th. I went to Vaterland, and from there I started for Elverhoj, intending to visit the brethren imprisoned there, but on the way I met Mr. Michelsen, the sheriff, who informed me that I would not be permitted to see and communicate with the brethren except by a written permit from the county judge or the mayor of Frederikstad, and he furthermore forbade me to talk to his family and disturb their peace of mind, and he would himself assume all responsibility for this. I answered him and said that I had not

intentionally deprived his family of their peace of mind, nor would I personally assume any responsibility for them in the future. I then retraced my steps to Frederikstad, where I visited the brethren in the prison there. In the evening three persons were baptized in Vaterland. I explained the principles of the Gospel to some strangers that were present, and Brother Widerborg and I also spoke to the newly baptized members and then confirmed them by the laying on of hands and we had a very pleasant time together.

14th. A man from a place called Aarii, called and asked me to go with him to Houge as there were some people who desired to hear us, and when we arrived there, we had a lengthy conversation and we found them very attentive and interested in our testimony. I sang for them and prayed with them before leaving, and then went to Vaterland, where I attended a prayer meeting that evening and stayed over night.

15th. I visited the brethren in the jail,, and next I crossed over to the other part of Frederikstad (Forstaden) and from there I accompanied Sister E. Larsen out in the country about seven miles, to visit and explain the Gospel to some of her relatives. We found them very attentive and conversed with them for a long time, and had a very enjoyable time with them.

16th. I wrote a letter to Brother J. Jensen in Brevig, and had also a conversation with some strangers who had come to investigate the Gospel. Afterwards, in company with Elder P. Beckstrom, I went to Ingulsrud, where I conversed with some strangers upon the principles of the Gospel, and also with the saints upon that subject.

17th. I accompanied Brother Anders Ingulsrud to a place called Kjevelsrud, to speak with the people there upon the Gospel. Afterwards returned to Ingulsrud and held a meeting with the saints and we had a very joyful time together. A man by name, Christoffersen, took me in his wagon on my way to Frederikstad, and he and his family appeared very favorable impressed by my testimony. When I arrived at Brother Brown I had a very pleasant conversation with his family.

18th. Elder Widerborg and I re-read the petition which was to be presented to the Diet. Afterwards we visited the brethren in jail, and also some of the saints in the town and in Vaterland. I had a letter from Pres. Willard Snow. In the evening Mrs. Widerborg, Mrs Olesen and Dorthea were baptized by Elder C. Widerborg. After some remarks from me with regard to the importance of the covenant that these women had just made with God, we proceeded to confirm them by the ordinance of the laying on of hands, about midnight.

19th. I wrote letters to the saints in Brevig and in Risoer. In the evening Elder Widerborg and I blessed Brother Olesen's daughter, Hulda Mathilda, and we felt ourselves blessed by the good spirit.

20th. We were ordered to move out of our rented house, as the house had been sold, and the new owner, a Mr. Adamsen, declared that he would not have such "heathens" occupy it. I had the opportunity to converse with several strangers in Brother Brown's house. Afterwards I visited the brethren in the jail, and also Brother Johansen, the branch president, where I also found some strangers to speak to.

21st. Elder Peter Beckstrom and I went to Slarud, where we explained to the people the principles of the Gospel, and they seemed to rejoice in our testimony, and we felt that the spirit of God was with us. Returning, we reached Brother Widerborg's family about 9 p. m.



22nd. We fasted this day and held our first meeting in a hall, which we had rented for that purpose. I dedicated it by prayer, after several brethren had expressed their feelings, after which I spoke in defense of the Bible and the Book of Mormon, showing that the doctrines contained in each of these books were in perfect harmony. Several strangers were present. After these visitors had left, then we turned our assembly into a prayer meeting and all the saints prayed for the liberation of our brethren from prison, and that we might obtain liberty to live our religion in this country (Norway). The spirit of God was present in a great measure, and was felt by the saints as well as our friends, the strangers. We also partook of the sacrament, and after I had spoken and explained the importance of this sacrament, we dismissed by singing and prayer.

23rd. I visited some of the saints in town and also in Vaterland, and Elder P. Beckstrom and I consecrated a bottle of oil and also blessed two children belonging to Brother Emil Larsen. We also administered to P.S. Larsen and Brother Ole Souder, who were sick. From there we went to the prison, to visit the brethren, where we learned that the decision of the lower court had been sustained in the higher or county court, and had that day been forwarded officially, and also to the brethren in Elverhoj jail. I went to see Brother Widerborg.

24th. Elder Widerborg and I went first to see the brethren in Frederikstad jail and in the afternoon we went to Mowald, where we held a good meeting. Three of us brethren spoke to the people, and the spirit of God was with us in a great measure. As some parties requested to be baptized, we appointed the following Wednesday evening as the time to attend to that ordinance. On our way towards town we found some families had come together in Ole and we, therefore, stopped and talked to them about an hour, and the spirit of God was again poured out upon us, and we felt happy, praising God by singing and in prayer.

25th. I went to town and there the decision of the higher court was read to us. It was precisely as the decision of the lower court, with this proviso added, that we might possibly obtain protection under the law for dissenters. We appealed our case to the Supreme Court of the land, with a view to be recognized as "Christian Dissenters", and thus be entitled to protection under the law, and we concluded to add a plea for that purpose, and for to get the brethren liberated from prison, on condition that they would refrain from performing any sacramental ordinance belonging to our religion--that was the conditions, that had been presented to the brethren, but which they had rejected but they had in reply stated in writing on what conditions they would accept their freedom I had a conversation with Mr. Berg, the mayor, and he forbade me to speak to the people about our religion at all, but I answered that I intended to keep my promise that I had given him before, but that I could not avoid speaking to people that wanted to speak with me, or who asked me to visit them in their private homes. He furthermore wanted me to persuade my brethren not to speak to people concerning our religion, but to this I answered him that I was not a police officer and could therefore not forbid anybody to speak about a religion which I believed to be true myself, I went from there to Brother Brown, where I stayed and conversed with the family concerning the word of God.

26th. I wrote a letter to my brother, C. G. Larsen, and also an appeal to the Supreme Court in our case. We all felt very satisfied with the way things were moving, Thanks to God.

27th. I went in to town and from there to Vaterland. Brothers Emil and S.P. Larsen had arrived from Risoer, bringing good news from Elder Svend Larsen, with some thirteen speciedalar to the Perpetual Emigration Fund and eleven speciedalar for me from the saints in Risoer, to get me a new set of clothes for. I also received from Ellen Maria Hansen a silk handkerchief. I visited the brethren in jail. In the evening I attended a council meeting in Vaterland and spoke there to the brethren, instructing them in their official duties. After that meeting we administered baptism to eight

persons. Priest S.P. Larsen officiating. I spoke to the newly baptized people by way of instruction and then Elder P. Beckstrom and I confirmed them by the laying on of hands. Thus that night was spent and at two a.m. we separated, Brother Widerborg dismissing by prayer.

28th. I was to Aarli where I had an opportunity to speak to a number of strangers, who seemed interested, in what I explained to them and some of them said that they would soon be baptized. I went to Brother Widerborg, where I put up for the night.

29th. I went into town where I learned that Brother P. Beckstrom had been arrested the previous day for having preached. It was my intention to visit and talk with the brethren in the prison, but the jailer would not permit me to enter, and I therefore, had to return, and went again to Brother Widerborg.

30th. I wrote letters to Elder Svend Larsen in Risoer and to J. Jensen in Brevig. I succeeded in visiting the brethren in prison that day. On my way to town I had a conversation with a school teacher and although he was somewhat opposed to me in the beginning, he became more agreeable and friendly before we parted.

MAY, 1853

1st, Sunday. Consecrated a bottle of oil and Elder C, Widerborg and I anointed and blessed Sister Widerborg. In the afternoon, I and Priest Sven P. Larsen went to Ingulsrud, where we had a good meeting and all the saints present engaged in prayer. I occupied some of the time in speaking and the spirit of God was present. In the evening we held a meeting at Brother Nielsen's, where I again occupied a portion of the time, speaking, and also administered to Sister Nielsen, who was sick. Later in the evening the ordinance of Baptism was administered to Brother Nielsen and his wife of Niels Ingulsrud, by their request. Priest S.P. Larsen performing the baptism. After their return, I spoke to these new converts by way of instruction and admonition, and then I administered the ordinance of laying on of hands, confirming them members of the church. The spirit of God was present in a great measure and we all felt very happy. It was two o'clock in the morning when we separated and 3 a. m. when we reached home.

2nd. I visited a Mrs. Sorensen in Kragero, an island, being accompanied and introduced to that lady by Miss Sophia Fjeldsted, the daughter of our jailer, and I conversed with her upon the principles of the Gospel in the presence of her daughter. From there we, Elder Widerborg and his wife, and I, visited the Bruun family, and conversed "with them upon the gospel principles. When we came home, I found some letters for me from Pres. Willard Snow.

3rd. Brother Ove from Slareo and I went to visit the brethren in the Frederikstad prison and I also wrote an encouraging letter to the brethren in the Elverhoj prison, and also visited the branch president, Brother Johansen. I next went to Brother Widerborg's and then he and I accompanied Brother Ove to Slaroe (a large farm) where we conversed with a family in that neighborhood, where the woman was sick in bed. She seemed to be converted to the Gospel truth, and said that she would be baptized if she got well again. By her request, we anointed and blessed her, and the spirit and blessings of God was over us in that meeting. After having partaken of a good supper, we returned to Brother Widerborg's.

4th. In company with Elder C. Widerborg, I visited the Brown (Bruun) family and afterwards we visited the brethren in the prison. They had been offered liberation from confinement in prison, if they would abstain from performing any of the adminis-

trative ordinances belonging to Mormonism, but they were undecided on whether to accept that offer on such conditions. We advised them to accept, as there were then several native brethren holding the priesthood who could do all such work. There I and Brother Widerborg, with a Brother Gunnar from Orli went over to the island Krage: where we tried to be admitted into a religious meeting of Lutherans, but were refused as soon as we showed ourselves in the doorway, and we, therefore, returned at once to our home, where we sang a hymn and had prayer and then retired.

5th. We held Fast day. Elder Widerborg and I went to visit the brethren in Frederikstad prison and held a council meeting with them about their liberation from prison. After some discussion, we all came to the conclusion that it was best to accept the proposition. We attended a meeting later, in our hired hall, where I spoke to the saints concerning the Perpetual Emigration Fund and other temporal matters. About 5 p. m. we had the pleasure of seeing our brethren from the Elverhoj prison with us, and we had then a feast of rejoicing in a meeting that lasted till 8:30 p. m. after which I went with Brother Ove to Slaroe, where we arrived about midnight.

6th. I wrote a letter to my brother Christen, and I also conversed with the people in Slaroe upon the principles of the Gospel. Later in the day, I went to town and attended a council meeting in the evening, in our rented hall. All the brethren expressed themselves, and the spirit of God was present in a great measure, I spoke upon the best methods or ways to proceed with our missionary labors, so as to spread the truth abroad among the people in Norway, under present circumstances. Late that night we adjourned (between 11 and 12) to meet again the following Wednesday. We all felt very happy, and praised the Lord by song and prayer at the close of this meeting.

7th. I wrote letters to Elder Svend Larsen in Risoer and to Jensen in Brevig. Afterwards I accompanied some of the saints to Aarli, where I had a lengthy conversation with some of the saints and people and convinced them of the truth of the Gospel and two of them requested baptism. We finally crossed over to the town suburb (Forstad) in order to get the brethren, Ahmanson, Widerborg and Brown with us, and then all set over the sound again, to Aarli, to a secluded place to perform the baptism, and we reached there about 11 p. m. when Elder Widerborg baptized four persons. We then returned to the town, (Forstaden), and I, with the other brethren, held a meeting and I spoke to the newly baptized people explaining the importance of the covenant they had just made with God, and also the ordinance of laying on of hands, which ordinance was then administered by me and John A. Ahmanson and C. Widerborg. By the time we were through, it was two o'clock on the morning of the 8th of May. We felt the peaceful influence of the spirit of the Lord over us, and give praise to Him.

8th, Sunday. We held meetings forenoon and afternoon that day in the city and several brethren used the time in speaking, and the spirit of God was sustaining them.

9th. I wrote a letter to Pres. Willard Snow. Afterwards, in company with Elders Ahmanson and Widerborg, I went to Sister Gunhild and we blessed her two children, and sang for them and prayed with them.

10th. We went over to Vaterland. Before we got there, we had a conversation with a prominent citizen in the city, a shoemaker, to whom we explained the Gospel. We learned there that three of our brethren, to viz. , Johansen, Emil Larsen and Ole Ellingsen had been summoned to appear in the court the following day for trial, at 2 p.m. As we were engaged in prayer before we intended to lead a Sister Marie to the water, to baptize her, according to her request, and before she reached the water, two constables presented themselves and prevented her. It appears that her intention had become

known to the mayor of the city, and thus he interfered in this way.

11th. I wrote letters to the saints and brethren in Brevig and Risoer, and also visited the saints in the town and in Vaterland. In the evening a council meeting was held at which the following arrangements and appointments were made: Elder P. Beckstrom to labor in the parish of Borge, and that Hans Larsen, Kneble, be ordained a priest and to assist Elder Beckstrom; Elder Ole Olsen and Anders Larsen, Ingulsrud to labor in the district around Ingulsrud; Jeppe J. Folkman and Niels Hansen to labor in the city of Moss and vicinity; Elders Carl Widerborg, John F. Dorius, Christen Knudsen and C. Larsen proceed to Brevig in company with Brother Christensen; Mons Petersen was ordained a Priest and accepted as recorder for the branch, and to act as teacher for the 2nd district of the branch; Emil Larsen to act in the same capacity in the 1st district of the branch, and Ole Ellingsen as teacher in the 3rd district. Some bottles of oil was also blessed and consecrated. Elder Ahmanson was to have charge of all the departments in the branch and to labor with his might in that part of the mission. In connection with the other brethren, we then proceeded to ordain the brethren who had been nominated, and I also spoke to the brethren, giving them advice with regard to their official duties and to use wisdom in all things. The spirit of God was present in a great measure.

12th. I wrote in my journal. Later, in company with Elder Ahmanson and Widerborg I went to Ingulsrud, and from there to Karlshus and explained to those people some of the principles of the Gospel. From there we went to Kerulsrud and held a meeting. I occupied part of the time in speaking, and later in the evening, a sister to Ole Ellingsen was baptized and I administered the laying on of hands ordinance, confirming her a member of the church. After returning to the house, we had a brief investigation of some difficulties, that had existed between some of the brethren and got them settled satisfactorily. We then went to town, arriving there between the hours of two and three a. m.

13th. I wrote a letter to President Willard Snow and afterwards I went to the mayor to obtain my passport. Having obtained that, I packed my valise and bidding good-bye to the saints on shore, I entered on board the boat of a brother Christensen, and we set out for Brevig. About seven miles out, we landed on one of the rocky islands, where we held a prayer meeting and ate our supper, and then we set out in the open sea for Brevig. The weather was very fine at the time we started but not much wind in our favor. We reached Brevig about 6 p. m. the next day.

14th. Arriving there, we found the saints feeling well, and we had a good time with them, by engaging in song and prayers, before we retired for the night.

15th, Sunday. In the forenoon we held a meeting with the saints, and in the afternoon we held a public meeting and several outsiders were present. Several of us brethren spoke in that meeting and all went off quietly and in peace. Afterwards we went out to look at the town, and we had a lengthy conversation with some strangers, in the house of Priest Jensen.

16th. I wrote a letter to the saints in Frederickstad, and afterwards I was out in town, conversing with several strangers upon the Gospel. Later we went to Krageroe, an island, to attend to baptism and to hold meeting. One person was then baptized but there were several more persons who had requested baptism, but finally backed out. The one we did baptize, we confirmed by the water's edge. We reached town at 2 a. m. the next day.

17th. We again held a meeting on Krageroe at the home of Mr. Johan Berlin, and we had a good time. In the afternoon we held a council meeting in our rented hall, and the following business was done. Elder John F. Dorius and Priest J. Jensen were appointed to labor in Skeen, and Priest Chr. Knudsen and C. Larsen to labor in Bamie parish. After several of the brethren had expressed their feelings, we adjourned and closed by singing and prayer. In the evening we held meeting again, and several strangers were present; among them a certain merchant and his wife, with whom we had a lengthy conversation upon the principles of the Gospel, in a very pleasant tone.

18th. Elder C. Widerborg and I, this day, took leave of the saints in Brevig, and in Brother Christens en's boat, set out for Risoer. On our way we landed on the coast, in Bamie, where we visited a sister, and finally we reached Risoer about 5 p. m. Here we met three newly arrived missionaries, to viz, , G. M. Hougen (High Priest), Canute Petersen (a Seventy), and Carl Dorius (Elder). The two first named direct from Zion and Elder Dorius from Denmark. Elder Hougan was to take my place as president of the mission in Norway. In the evening we had a council meeting and all of us talked in that meeting, expressing our good feelings, and we had an enjoyable time together. We administered to a sick sister.

19th, Thursday. We visited some saints who lived outside of the town, and we had thus opportunities to converse with several strangers upon the principles of the Gospel, and the spirit of God assisted us.

20th. I wrote in my journal. In company with the other brethren, I was invited to a social at Lars Olsen's and we had a very enjoyable time together.

21st. In company with the other brethren, I visited Sister Evens and Aamond Olsen. In the evening attended a council meeting at Elder John Olsen's. After some explanation by me, it was decided that Svend Larsen should act as clerk for Risoer Branch, and also as custodian and agent for all books and other church literature; furthermore, that Elders John Olsen and Svend Larsen act as a committee to rest a suitable hall in which to hold public meetings, Elder Carl Dorius was appointed to proceed to Brevig and labor there and in its vicinity as a missionary. Elder C. Widerborg and I proceed to Arendal, and President E.G.M. Hougan and Elder Canute Petersen to remain in Riaoer for the present. This was all by unanimous consent. Some brethren suggested that it would be well to assist Brother Lars Olsen in fixing up his boat, so that he could take the missionaries around in the branches along the coast, and several of the brethren expressed themselves upon this and then we adjourned by singing and prayer.

22nd. We held meeting in the home of Elder John Olsen, president of the branch, and I occupied all the time in the forenoon. The house was well filled by the saints and a number of strangers. In the afternoon meeting several other brethren occupied the time. Later several of us met at Brother Aamond Olsen's, where we had a feast of rejoicing together.

23rd. I wrote in my journal and also wrote letters to President Willard Snow and to my brother Johannes, and my betrothed girl in Aalborg, and afterwards I visited some of the saints in their homes.

24th. Elder Widerborg and I went to Arendal on foot. We called at court house and obtained permit to hold meeting when we returned from Arendal. We found lodging on a farm about two miles from Arendal. Elder Carl Dorius took the steamer for Brevig.

25th. We reached Arendal about 3 p. m. Mr. Sunne, a sea captain, took us around

see the town. A Mrs. Mikkelsen and some other residents were visited, to whom we explained the principles of the Gospel.

26th. After visiting Mrs. Mikkelsen again, did we leave that town on our return, but when we called at the farm where we had stayed over night before we reached Arendal, we were not made welcome, neither were allowed to hold a meeting there, and we had, therefore, to put up for the night at a public inn.

27th. We reached Kleven (the clift). Elder John Olsen's home about 4 p. m. and after resting a while there, we proceeded to Brother Svend Larsen's house. I received a letter from Elder Ahmansen. Afterwards I went to a place called Kranen, where I found President Hougan and Elder Canute Petersen and several others of the church members. Four persons had applied for baptism, and we, therefore, were taken in a skiff to a suitable place, where Elder C. Widerborg then administered that holy ordinance to the four women. After some brief remarks, and singing and prayer, we administered the ordinance of laying on of hands to them and we all felt that we were greatly blessed,

28th. I went with the brethren from Zion up into an isolated place in the rocks, where we held prayer. At that place the brethren made known to me for the first time that God had given a revelation to the Prophet, Joseph Smith, commanding him to take some more wives, and the spirit of God at once gave me a testimony that it was the, truth. From there we went to Brother John Olsen's home (Kleven) where we had a happy reunion with a number of the saints. We there prayed for and anointed to our blind sister, Maria.

29th. We held a meeting in the home of Brother John Olsen, which I opened with prayer in the forenoon. In the afternoon I used the time in speaking, and had a number of strangers in our meeting. We had peace and a good spirit over us, and we felt well. After meeting the brethren and I went over to Kranen, where we had a time of rejoicing with our new sisters, there.

30th. Elder C. Widerborg and I went with two of our sisters, in a skiff to a large farm, Solberg, to hold a meeting there. Sister Torber had taken pains to have the people in the neighborhood notified and invited, but none of them came, wherefore we only spent the time in prayer and in singing with a few saints who lived there. Yet we had an enjoyable time with them.

31st. When we left, we rowed to Kranen, where we landed, and spent a short time encouraging the saints, and then we rowed into the town, Risoer, where we held a prayer meeting in the evening at Brother Svend Larsen's house. There was some little disturbance outside, but we, nevertheless, confirmed a brother that had received baptism, and administered to a sick sister in that meeting and we had a good time together.

JUNE, 1853

1st. I wrote in my journal, and afterwards I went with the other brethren to Kranen, where we had a good meeting in the evening. I occupied most of the time in speaking to the saints, as it was my last meeting with them and I bade them farewell.

2nd. I and the other brethren held fast day, according to the rules of the church, on the first Thursday in each month. In the afternoon about 4 p.m. , Brother Christensen came for us to take us in his boat to Tune-Oe, but we did not get off till 8 o'clock, and reached that island, about 6 o'clock the next morning,

3rd. We stayed there a while, with the few saints, and also spent a little time fishing in the sea, and when we again came ashore, we found that Elder F. Dorius and Gundersen had arrived there also.

4th. We took leave of the saints and set sail for Brevig and arrived there about 6 p. m. I received letters from Elder Ahmanson and from my brother Lauritz, and we had an enjoyable time with the saints there.

5th. We held two well attended meetings, and a number of strangers were present, and it looked like our words made an impression upon their hearts. In the evening the house was crowded, and I preached again for them. Later one person was baptized by Canute Larsen, a man by name Halvor, from Krab island, and Elder Widerborg and I confirmed him by laying on of hands.

6th. We were in Krab island or Krabrod and spent some time there, explaining our faith to the people. When we returned in the evening, a man by name Linblom, a Swede, a printer by trade, was baptized by Elder C, Widerborg, and I and C.W. confirmed him. Before we attended to this ordinance, we had held a little meeting in a place called Satre, at which meeting several friends were present, to whom we bore our testimony. As we were returning from baptism, we met Elder C. Dorius and two women; the women had asked for baptism, and obtained permission from their respective husbands and Brother Canute Larsen therefore, performed the ordinance, and C. Dorius, C. Widerborg and I confirmed them by the laying on of hands. John Berlin, the husband of one of the women, who was himself present when she was baptized, then seemed to turn raving mad in anger and uttered many threats against us.

7th. John Berlin came to us in a great ecstasy of anger, and demanded that we should excommunicate his wife from the church, and we remonstrated with him and finally left him and that matter with God. Later we went to Gunnar Sorensen and held conversation with several people in that neighborhood, explaining the Gospel to them and in the evening we had a meeting in which a number of people were present, to whom we delivered our message. The spirit of God was with us, and we felt blessed.

8th. After having conversed with several persons, explaining our doctrines and administered to one from Tune island, we again set sail for our return trip to Brevig, several of the saints going with us, and when we arrived there, we held a good meeting, several strangers being present, and a good spirit prevailing.

9th. Elder C. Widerborg, Priest Jensen and I went to the city of Skeen, where we visited and conversed with some friends and would have held a meeting if the mayor and the parson had not interfered and forbidden us to do so in that house. The parson had been to that family a few times, and held a meeting in which he did what he could to contradict our doctrines, and also dished up with the old stories and lies about the Prophet Joseph Smith.

10th. We visited several of our friends, and also one family who had lost the faith, and we spent some time with them, trying to make them see their mistakes, and we also conversed with other parties; and before we left them they declared that they would be baptized. We were given our dinner by Lars Jensen's family, and they said that they were ready for baptism, and it looked as though there would be a rich harvest in that neighborhood in the future, whenever there would be more religious liberty in the country We returned to Brevig, arriving there about 6 p.m. and found there that two of the brethren, Jensen and Jacobsen, had arrived from Risoer, and they reported that there

had been a great deal of opposition and persecution there since the time when we left the town, and that the police authorities had commenced investigations and held some trials with those that had been baptized. We felt, nevertheless, to rejoice in our faith in the Gospel.

11th. Elder C. Widerborg and I visited some of the saints, and in the evening we put up a Sister Pernille on Satre, where we gave a sister the ordinance of laying on of hands.

12th, Sunday. We held meeting both in the forenoon and afternoon, and I did the talking in the afternoon; but before I had closed my remarks, I was interrupted by a Lutheran priest, Mr. Nielsen, who stated who he was, and then proceeded to warn his hearers against us as the false prophets, etc. We replied and referred to the Bible, as the guide for our faith, but he would not argue at all and left the house to us, which had a good impression upon the people for our benefit. We afterwards visited a brother Jacobsen, whose wife had lost her faith to some extent, yet she was trying to get right again, and we sang and prayed with them for a while; but by and by the house became full of other people, and we had a pleasant time in speaking to them but we were under the necessity to leave them, as we had an appointment to get to Kaprud on the other side of the fjord, where John Berling and another person were baptized by Elder C. Widerborg and Elder C. Dorius and I confirmed them by the laying on of hands. All went off quietly and in peace and when we reached our lodgings, it was between one and two o'clock in the morning.

13th. I wrote a letter to my brother Lauritz, and afterwards went, in company with Brother Jens Jensen and his wife to Langesund, where I visited a Mrs. Olsen and her sister, explaining to them the Gospel. We were received and treated with much hospitality and they afterwards visited us in Brevig. When we arrived back to town, we found several of the brethren there, and had a good time with them by singing and prayer.

14th. Elder C. Dorius went to Skeen, and Elder C. Widerborg and I went to Sorte Bowen, and the saints in that place went with us to town. In the evening we had a meeting on Satre, and Elder Widerborg and I did the speaking, and afterwards bade farewell to the saints and went on board Brother Christensen's boat, and set sail for Frederikstad.

15th. We reached Frederikstad about 2 p. m. that day, and in the evening we held a council meeting. Reports were given about some mob disturbances in Ousoe, the previous Sunday. I advised the saints to discontinue meetings in those hostile localities where they could meet and enjoy themselves by singing and in prayer, assembling quietly in other localities, and in that way edify one another, until the storm would pass over, and it was agreed unanimously that we have a fast day the following Sunday, and assemble in our hall in the city, (Frederikstad). It was also agreed that Elder Ole Olsen should proceed to Brevig for a short time, until the excitement and persecution would abate so in that district where he had been laboring. After that meeting some of us crossed on the ferry boat to get to the other part of the city, the suburb, but a mob followed us and pelted us with stones, and Brother Niels Mauritsen (Brake) was hit in the head, causing blood to flow freely, and others were also hit, but not seriously hurt.

16th. I wrote in my journal and afterwards I visited some of the saints in the city proper, and in Vaterland and in the evening I attended a prayer meeting. I opened the same with prayer.

17th. Elder C. Widerborg and I went out to visit the saints in Ingulsrud and Karulsrud and we found that a mob had been there, searching for the missionaries, and as the people living there would not admit them, the mob had bursted the door and



searched for the brethren in all parts of the house, but they did not harm any of the family living there. From there we went to Elverstad, a farm, and on the way we fell in with Jacob Tollesen, one of our worst enemies; he used very abusive language against us, but after considerable talk to him, he became more civil, and even apologized for the part he had taken in persecuting and mobbing the saints, and when we parted, he seemed quite friendly. We finally came to Sister Wede at Libert about 8 o'clock where we had a lengthy conversation with a Miss Holm, who seemed to be willing to receive our testimony.

18th. After prayer in the morning, we started for Frederikstad, and on the way we called on the saints in Karulsrud and we finally reached the town about 5 or 6 p. m.

19th, Sunday. We held Fast Day. Most of the saints in town and neighborhood were present at our meeting in our hall, and several of the brethren spoke, and I occupied a part of the time, and in the afternoon our hall was pretty well filled with people. When I stood up to speak, came a number of them and surrounded me, and forbade me to talk any farther; they surrounded me and the other brethren and two of them took special hold on each of us, and told us that they were going to take us across the line into Sweden to get rid of us. When we came down into the street, we found it full of the excited rebels that we could not see our way out, but as we neared the gate, I discovered an opening in their midst, and as no one just then had a hold on my arms, I made a rush through the throng and ran as fast as I could to Mr. Fjeldsted's place, where we had formerly been confined in prison, and asked for his protection from the mob. The other brethren also succeeded in escaping from the mob in the same way. Mr. Fjeldsted escorted us to the ferry as we intended to go to Brother Widerborg's on the other side of the fjord, but when we landed we were invited to a friend by name of Torgersen, owning a grist mill on the stream, and there we found other friends assembled, who were desirous to hear us. We sang and prayed with them, and I spoke to them for a short time, and just as I had finished, Mr. Berg, the mayor, accompanied by an officer, appeared at the house and upbraided us in a very angry tone because we still were preaching and he even threatened to arrest us and put us in prison. As soon as the mayor had left and had reached the city, the mob, in great numbers, came over in the ferry to commit more trouble and mob us, and we, therefore, left the place (the mill) intending to go to Brother Widerborg's, but we found the street crowded with an excited populace, all on our account, yet we passed through the crowd unmolested, and it seemed that none of them recognized us until we reached the steps that lead to the door of Brother Widerborg's dwelling place and knocked at the door, calling for some one inside to open, when one of the mobbers became aware of my presence and cried out, "there is one of the priests. " When I came inside, I found the house full of brethren and sisters who had sought refuge there and all had escaped from their persecutors unmolested, for which we feel thankful to the Lord. I will here state that a near neighbor to Brother Widerborg, as a police officer, and although he did not profess any particular religion, yet he did his very best to defend us against the mob, and we were always sure of peace when he was near.

20th. I wrote in my journal and also a letter to President Hougan in Risoer.

21st. In connection with Elder C. Widerborg, I was called to come and administer to Sister Emilie Halvorsen, who was sick, and she was immediately made better, During the rest of the day, I was occupied with others in singing and prayer.

22nd. Spent the most of the day by prayer and song, as well as by reading. In the evening I visited the Brown Family.

23rd. Prayer and song and reading. Prayer meeting in the evening.

24th. Many of the saints came to visit us and converse with us.

25th. I wrote a letter to my brother, C.G. Larsen, in Bornholm. Had a visit from some of the saints. Brother Mons Petersen had baptized four persons in the previous night.

26th. I wrote a letter to President Hougan in Risoer, In the afternoon was to meeting at Brother Widerborg's. I spoke to the saints, and we confirmed the four persons who had been baptized by Brother M. Petersen, and we felt very much blessed. Elder Ahmanson, C. Widerborg and I officiating.

27th. C. Widerborg, J. Folkman and I went out to Slarud and administered to Sister Gurine, who was sick. The Lord responded to our prayer and she got well immediately. In the evening we retired into the woods for prayer.

28th. Elder C. Widerborg and I went to Niels Ingulsrud and administered to his wife who was sick. Afterwards we went to town, where I wrote a letter to my girl (Dorthea) and also wrote in my journal.

29th. We consecrated some oil, and administered to two sick persons. In the evening we had a happy reunion in the home of Brother Brown.

30th. Elder C. Widerborg, Brown and I went to Orii, to visit Brother Hans Jorgens as he had fallen back to his habit of getting drunk. After some persuasive talk to him he promised to reform and do better and he asked to be forgiven. We then returned to town, where we attended council meeting in the evening, and many of the brethren were present. It was decided to again hold regular meeting in the various districts of the branch. One sister was cut off for lying and backbiting, and for apostasy. Elder P. Beckstrom and I blessed a Brother Halvor. The spirit of God was with us in great measure.

JULY, 1853

1st. I wrote letters to my girl (Dorthea) and to her mother, and also to my brother, Johannes, in Denmark, and to John Olsen in Risoer.

2nd. I wrote a letter to Sister Larsen in Risoer. Later, Elder C. Widerborg and I went to Slarud, where we baptized an aged woman who was sick, but she wanted, nevertheless, to be baptized, and we carried her to the water. Her daughter, Gurine, was baptized at the same time, and all went off well, for which we felt very thankful to the Lord.

3rd. We held a small meeting in the place (Slarud) and confirmed Gurine and her mother, by the ordinance of laying on of hands, and we had a joyful time with them. Afterwards we went to town, where we had a good meeting at Brother Widerborg's; two police officers were present, and two of the brethren beside me spoke in that meeting.

4th. I wrote a letter to President Willard Snow in Copenhagen, and attended a council meeting at Brother Widerborg's; it was there decided that Elder Widerborg and I should proceed to Christiania, to learn, if possible, what the courts or government intended to do with our case, as we were anxious to go more energetically to work than we could at that time. The spirit of God was with us in that meeting.

5th. Accordingly, Elder C. Widerborg, Brown and I took a steamer for Christiania at 2 a. m. and landed there at 5 p.m. and found lodgings in No. 93 in Aker's Str. with a Mr. Andersen. Afterwards was out and looked at some of the sights in town.

6th. We paid a visit to Capt. A. Jensen, our former fellow prisoner in Frederickstad. He now confined in the house of correction (Tughuset) because he had gone too far in his religious expressions concerning His Majesty the King. We found him well and hearty and with good cheer, and we had quite a talk with two of the officers on the principles of the Gospel. I and Brothers Widerborg, Brown and M. Olsen visited a very religious priest, Mr. Hailing, and we also made the acquaintance of several other prominent citizens during the day.

7th. We went out to find M. Jorgensen, our attorney in the Supreme Court, but we did not find him at home. We next went to Assembly Hall for the Supreme Court, and stayed there a short time, but without any benefit to us. Later in the day we again went in search of the attorney, Mr. Jorgensen, and found him at home and stated our errand, but we found him not at all friendly disposed to us or our cause, but he became more civil towards us before we left him, and he even asked us to pray for him and invited us or even any one else of our faith to call again when convenient and happening to be in town. I went with Brother Mathias Olsen out into the country a couple of Norwegian miles (14 English), and visited some relations and friends of his, and they seemed to be willing to listen to our testimony, and we stayed with them till late in the night. We reached the city about 4 o'clock in the morning, and put up for rest at Mr. Andersen's.

8th. We were out in town loitering through some of the principle streets and also visited the church. We also called on Judge Bunker, and from him we learned that our case would not come up in court before some time in September. We then set sail for Frederickstad, where we arrived the next morning about 6 o'clock. Fair wind and weather.

9th. I wrote in my journal and also wrote letters to President Hougan and Elder Svend Larsen in Risoer, which I sent with Brother Christensen (our skipper) for him to bring to us our American brethren, Hougan and Petersen.

10th, Sunday. Several of us went to Slarud, where we held a good meeting in the afternoon, and a good spirit prevailed.

11th. Elder Ahmanson and I went to Kjevelrud to hold a meeting in Niels Ingulsrud's home. Elders Ahmanson, C. Dorius, and I spoke in that meeting.

12th. After having paid a visit to Niels Ingulsrud, we proceeded to town. I then wrote in my journal.

13th. This day I occupied mostly in writing.

14th. Elder Ahmanson and I were visiting the family of saints in Braadnedal. We blessed Halvor Svensen's three girls and on our way towards our home we also blessed a boy. We put up with Brother Brown.

15th. We crossed the river into the city, where we visited the saints living there and in Vaterland. Afterwards we returned to Forstaden, the portion of town on the other side of the river, where we held a council meeting in the evening. At that meeting Elder J. Johansen was honorably released from presiding over the Frederickstad

Branch, and Elder Widerborg appointed to that position, which was sustained unanimously, and with thanks to the retiring president. Elder Johansen. Furthermore it was agreed to that Niels Larsen, Kneple and Simon Halvorsen should be ordained Teachers, and likewise, that Ole Hansen, Slarud, and Mathias Olsen be ordained Deacons. After some remarks by several of us, by way of instruction, we ordained those brethren. The spirit of God was with us and we felt well.

16th. In company with Elders Ahmanson, and Widerborg, I visited the saints in Orli, and at midnight, Elder C. Widerborg baptized the wife of Hans Jorgensen and I confirmed her by the laying on of hands. When we came back to town, we met our brethren, Pres. Hougan and Canute Petersen, and J. Jensen and Christensen, who had arrived in the boat of Brother Christensen from Brevig.

17th, Sunday. This day we had nearly all the saints together at meeting, both from the town proper and from the neighborhood in the country. Several of the brethren spoke in that meeting, and I there moved and it was unanimously sustained, that we sustain High Priest Hougan as president of the mission in Norway, and Elder Canute Petersen as missionary. Also to sustain Elder C. Widerborg as president of Frederickstad Branch, and also all other arrangements previously made by the council of the branch, Friday evening the 15th. The spirit of God was present in great measure and I spoke at great length, as I had been requested, by President W. Snow, to come to Denmark. I prayed the Lord to forgive me for what mistakes I might have made, and also of the saints to forgive me, if, in any way, I had done any wrong towards them. and to inform me of such, and I should try to give the satisfaction; it was indeed a very touching and affectionate farewell scene, for I had learned to love the Norwegian saints, and I felt sure that the saints reciprocated in the same tender feelings, and I feel grateful to God for what good He has used me to do in this country. Assisted by Elder Hougan and C. Petersen I then ordained Simon Halvorsen to the office of Teacher.

18th, Monday. I wrote in my journal, and visited some of the saints in their homes, to bid farewell to them. In the evening a farewell gathering took place in the home of Branch president Widerborg, where President Hougan and Elder C. Petersen were present, and after having sung a hymn and held prayer, I took a hearty and tender leave of all those who were present, and then with the following missionary brethren went on board the vessel and set sail for Brevig; Elders J.A. Ahmanson, John F.F. Dorius and Jeppe Folkman, Priest Niels Hansen, C. Knudsen and J. Jensen. It was then eleven o'clock night. Reflecting upon the past, we all felt very thankful for the work which our Father in Heaven had performed through us, notwithstanding the opposition and trials that we had been exposed to, both by the civil authorities and by mobs, and as the results there were at that time in Frederickstad 4 Elders, 4 Priests, 4 Teachers, 2 Deacons and 64 members in Frederickstad Branch, for which we give all honors to God.

19th. We reached Langesund (a small town at the mouth of the fjord) and four of us sailed up to Brevig, where we tarried with the saints, till the following morning, as in that locality and in the town of Skeen, much of our missionary labors had been performed and crowned with success.

20th. We set sail from Langesund at 4 a. m. and arrived in Risoer at 4 p.m. and in the evening we held a meeting in the house of Brother Lars Johnsen, where several strangers were present.

21st. I wrote a letter to Elder C. Widerborg, in Frederickstad and in the evening attended a prayer meeting on Kranen. I occupied most of the time, speaking and a fine

flow of the good spirit prevailed.

22nd, Friday. I visited the saints on Kranen. In the evening attended a council meeting, where Jens Gundersen and his betrothed girl, Stine, confessed to having had unlawful sexual connections, and they were both excommunicated from the church until they could show the proper fruits of true repentance, when they then might be admitted into the church again through the ordinance of baptism, because their offense was known to several people who were not members of the church, and it was well known that our church did not tolerate offenses of that kind with its members. The offenders were satisfied with the action taken in their case.

23rd. Elder Dorius and I visited all the saints in town, each in their respective homes.

24th, Sunday. We held fast day in the forenoon on Kranen. Afternoon we held a meeting in Kleven, with Brother John Olsen, where several strangers were present. Several of us missionaries spoke, and a good spirit prevailed.

25th, Monday. I wrote in my journal and also letters to C, Widerborg in Frederickstad and Ahmanson in Brevig. I also visited the saints on Kranen and bore my testimony to some strangers.

26th. We visited some of the saints in the town. In the evening we attended a council meeting at Flisvig and after I had spoken a while to the brethren, I moved that Brother Niels J. Petersen be ordained a Teacher and Erik Gundersen to be a Deacon, and being unanimously sustained, they were ordained by me, assisted by Elders Svend Larsen and John Olsen. Several other brethren also gave expression to their feelings, and the spirit of God was with us in great measure.

27th. In company with several of the saints, sailed to Levang, and arrived there about 1 p. m. We held a good meeting there in the evening and we all felt well edified.

28th. We left Levang about 4 a. m. and arrived at Kranen about 1:30 p. m. I received several letters and replied to them. In the evening we had meeting and partook of the sacrament together. I spoke at length to the saints, bidding farewell, and we all felt solemnly impressed with gratitude towards God for his guiding and protecting hand that had been extended over us during our sojourn and missionary labors in Norway. I received some money as a donation from the saints. We adjourned this meeting as usual by singing and prayer.

29th. I wrote in my journal and afterwards I went to town to have my passport signed by the magistrate. I also visited the constable, Mr. Petersen, our friend, and bore my testimony to him and his wife, and finally returned and put up with the saints on Kranen.

30th. The child of Brother Niels Isaacsen was buried in the Sondelev cemetery. I and several of our church members attended the funeral and then returned to Kranen. Afterwards I wrote in my journal and wrote letters to President Hougen and C. Widerborg in Frederickstad.

31st, Sunday. Forenoon we had a meeting in the house of John Olsen (Kleven) and in the afternoon we had a meeting in Kranen, several of us missionary brethren occupied the time and the spirit of God was with us in great measure. After meeting I had an opportunity to bear my testimony to several strangers in the house of Sister Maria. In the evening Elder Svend Larsen re-baptized Jens Gundersen and his girl who had

lately been excommunicated from the church.

AUGUST, 1853

1st. I wrote in my journal and visited some of the saints in their respective homes. In the evening we had a meeting in Flisvig (in the outskirts of the town) but a mob gathered outside the house and made some noisy demonstrations, but finally left us in peace, about midnight, and we continued our meeting. The saints were very devoted in their prayers and I felt much impressed by the spirit of God and spoke encouragingly to the saints. At last, I performed the marriage ceremony to Jens Gundersen and Stine that made them man and wife, and finally partook of a supper prepared by the parents of the bride.

2nd. We made ready for final departure to Denmark, and after dinner we bid farewell to the saints and went on board "The Lion" (name of Brother Svend Larsen's vessel), but just before we set sail, we all bended our knees before our Father in Heaven and asked Him to pour out His blessings upon those friends that we were just about to leave, and also upon us who were to cross the North Sea, and to preserve us all in the faith as well.

3rd. We arrived at Hals about 6 p. m. and landed. Attended a prayer meeting with the saints there that evening, and we had a time of rejoicing with them.

4th. Elder John F. F. Dorius and I proceeded on foot to Aalborg, arriving there at 1 p. m. ; the other brethren arriving about 5 or 6 p. m. by way of the water. We here had the great joy of meeting our beloved president Willard Snow. He informed me that he had been longing for my arrival very much, and that he could stay in Aalborg no longer than till the next day as he had some very important business to attend to in Copenhagen, and that he wished me to be with him and assist him. He told me too, that he wanted me to bring my betrothed girl along and get married, but I told him that it was not my intention to get married till we reached Zion, or perhaps on the way. He then informed me that he intended to send me along with the next emigration. After some consultation with my girl and her mother, it was decided that my girl come to Copenhagen later on, when her mother would have her fitted out with clothing, etc. , to her own satisfaction.

5th. I visited some of the saints in their respective homes, and had a very pleasant time with them. About 1 p. m. we. President Willard Snow, Johannes Larsen, N. C. Schou, John F.F. Dorius, myself and Svend Larsen with his family, went on board the "Lion", and set sail and landed in Hals, and took a light meal with some of the saints, living there. We had a conversation there with a family not of our faith, and about 6 p. m. we again set sail for Copenhagen, (leaving Brother S. Larsen's family).

6th. Arrived in Copenhagen the next night about 11 o'clock, the wind having been very favorable. I went along with President W. Snow to the Mission Office and stayed over night. I learned with much regret, that several of the saints had lately died from Cholera, which was then raging in that city, and among them was the president of Copenhagen branch, Elder Samuel Hansen.

7th, Sunday. I attended meeting and addressed the saints in the forenoon, and also blessed the sacrament in the afternoon. All the brethren that had arrived spoke and we, had a fine time. Afterwards I was in company with Pres. Snow, P.O. Hansen, H.P. Jensen and several others.

8th, Monday. I wrote a letter to the saints in Risoer, and afterwards I accompanied

Pres. Willard Snow out to Fredericksberg and attended a council meeting in the evening, where I addressed the brethren by request.

9th. I wrote a letter to my affiance and afterwards I visited some members of the church, in company with Pres. W. Snow, In the evening I attended council meeting where the case against Elder H. P. Jensen was brought up, and continued till about 12 o'clock night. All of the brethren gave expressions of their views upon the case.

10th. I wrote a letter to the saints in Frederikstad, and visited some of the saints outside the city. In the evening I again attended council meeting and the case against H. P. Jensen was continued, and in addition to this case, a charge against Elder P. O. Hansen was presented, for having acted very unbecoming as a servant of God towards several young sisters. This session of the council lasted till two o'clock in the morning, and then adjourned till the next evening.

12th. A special conference had been appointed and convened and I opened the meeting with prayer, and it was there proposed and agreed by unanimous vote that Elder Christian J. Larsen should be president for the Copenhagen Conference. In the evening a council meeting was convened, and during that session nearly all the brethren spoke and expressed their views with regard to the conduct of the two before mentioned brethren, and after Pres. W. Snow had elucidated their case from various sides, he proposed that Elders H.P. Jensen and P. O. Hansen should be baptized for the remission of their sins. This decision was agreed to by unanimous vote, and the council adjourned to meet again the next evening at seven o'clock. When this meeting adjourned the time was three o'clock in the morning. The two brethren on trial were very humble and accepted the decision with gratitude.

13th, Saturday. In the morning I wrote in my journal, and at the time for the conference to convene, I went to meeting. I was requested by Pres. W. Snow to speak in that meeting. In the evening at seven o'clock, we met in the council hall, according to the previous appointment, and after opening the meeting with prayer and singing, we all proceeded down to the water, where H. P. Jensen and P. O. Hansen were baptized by Pres. Willard Snow. After having returned to the hall, Pres. Snow requested me and Elder O. N. Liljenquist (the president of the Copenhagen Branch) to place our hands along with his, upon the heads of the two re-baptized brethren, with the understanding that H.P. Jensen should be installed in his previous position as second councilor to President Willard Snow, and he then re-ordained H.P. Jensen to the office of High Priest. After this was done, the two sisters connected with the case, to viz. , Sarah Jensen and Thora Svensen, were called in, and Thora Svensen (the girl) asked forgiveness of Sister Sarah Jensen (the wife of H. P. Jensen) and then the council also forgave her.

14th, Sunday. I received a letter from my girl (Dorthea) and afterwards I attended the General Conference, which convened at 10 a. m. I was requested by Pres. Snow to come to the stand and open the meeting by prayer, and after singing Pres. Snow addressed the congregation at length upon the order and organization of the Church and the Priesthood and upon the duties and obligations resting upon the saints in sustaining the Priesthood and the various officers. It was then proposed and sustained by unanimous vote that Willard Snow is the president of the Scandinavian mission, Brother Hahn was then sent after H. P. Jensen and P. O. Hansen and after their arrival, Pros. Snow spoke to the conference concerning those two brethren and their transgression, and that their case had been tried before a High Council of brethren, and that they had shown humility and had been forgiven by that council. They had since been baptized for the remission of their sins and re-confirmed members of the Church, and also was

their previous office in the Priesthood been reconfirmed upon them, under his hands. Pres. Snow gave much valuable instruction to those two brethren, that were of value to all of us, and among other things he stated that he had also baptized Elder John E. Forsgreen before he left Copenhagen with the last emigration company (by his own request) for the remission of his sins. At the afternoon meeting, after opening by singing and prayer, Pres. Willard Snow moved that the conference sustain Elders P O Hansen and H. P. Jensen as his counselors, which was carried by a unanimous vote. Also that we sustained by unanimous vote. That we sustain Elder Eric G. M. Hougan as president of Brevig conference in Norway, and Canute Petersen and Carl Widerborg as his counselor, and also to sustain all the brethren under my jurisdiction in Copenhagen Conference, which was also sustained by unanimous vote. The conference was then dismissed and adjourned till the following Sunday. After meeting I accompanied Pres. Snow on a visit to Brother Eskildsen, in Ostergade, and I wrote a letter to my betrothed girl, and also wrote in my journal, where after I went with Pres. Snow to a Brother Andersen, for supper, and finally we landed in the Mission Office, where we retired for the night after prayer.

15th. In connection with the brethren of the Presidency, I fasted this day, and remained with them till 10 a. m. Pres. Snow gave us much good advice, and to me he said: "You are now president of the Copenhagen Conference; be a good shepherd to the sheep; much is required of you, etc. " I wrote that day in my journal, and also a letter to my brother John (Johannes) and visited some of the saints to cheer them up. I blessed Brother Andersen, President of Fredericia Conference, as he was sick. In the evening I attended council meeting, President Snow presiding, and after singing and prayer, he proposed to have the brethren sustain me as the president, etc. He then requested me to speak, after which he spoke for a short time, but was suddenly attacked by some evil power which made him fall to the floor, right in front of his counselors and me. We at once bowed on our knees and prayed for him, and then we placed our hands upon his head, and Elder P. O. Hansen blessed him, after which he recovered and arose and said; "God bless you all."

16th, Tuesday. About one o'clock in the morning, Pres. awoke and called Brother Hahn and sent him for Elder H. P. Jensen, When he arrived, Pres. Snow conversed and explained many things to us concerning the organization of the Church and the work in Denmark, and especially to me, he said, that he desired that P. O. Hansen and H. P. Jensen would take him to England by the first steamer leaving this port. After this we again retired and all was quiet till about the break of day. I will here state that I had stayed in the office with Pres. Snow every night since my arrival from Norway. After he and I had arisen and had entered the office room, he was again violently attacked by that evil power to such a degree that it took 4 or 5 strong men to hold him, but as we again united in prayer for him he again became quiet for a short time, and again we prayed for him and administered to him, after which he again became quiet and by himself; but that spell of quiet only last till a little past the noon hour, when the same evil powers again attacked him with increased force, so that it took 6 or 8 strong men to hold and control him. In this condition he remained and suffered during that afternoon and evening, and it was found best to bring him to the hospital, which was done late that evening. We held a special prayer meeting for his benefit, in the home of Brother Clausen, in Aabeuraa Street, and all present were much affected and earnest in the supplications for our beloved president. It was indeed a severe trial for us all that will not easily be forgotten, and I myself cannot by words describe the sorrow we felt.

17th. My brother Johannes and I visited some of the saints both in Copenhagen proper and on Christianshavn and in Amager, in order to encourage and cheer them up (for they were much depressed in their feelings) and when we returned to the office,



I found that my betrothed girl had arrived from Aalborg, I then took her to Brother Rasmussen, where she made her home until we were married. Afterwards my brother Johannes and I went to Brother Jensen, where we bowed before the Lord in humble prayer, before going to the regular council meeting and when we got there, the meeting was opened by prayer offered by Elder O. N. Liljenquist, president of Copenhagen Branch. At first it seemed that a contending spirit pervaded that meeting, but after all the brethren present who wanted to speak had expressed themselves, and Elders P. O. Hansen and Jensen had informed the assembly that it was their intention to take Pros. W. Snow to England the next day, they all became reconciled and satisfied with the course. I spoke to the brethren for a short time and then I closed the meeting by prayer.

18th. I wrote in my journal and about 2 p. m, I, in connection with several other brethren, assisted in getting Pros. Snow on board the steamer that was to take him to England. After seeing him and his attendants, Hansen and Jensen, off, I and my affianced girl went to visit Sister Sarah Jensen, and in the evening I attended a good meeting at which the spirit of God was present in great measure. He being praised for it.

19th. In company with my brother Johannes and Elder John Swenson, I visited some of the saints in the out lying districts of the Branch, and in the evening I attended a prayer meeting in Fredericksberg district. The spirit of God was felt in our midst and I occupied some of the time in speaking to the saints.

20th. Visited some of the saints in different parts of the Copenhagen Branch (Amager, Christianshavn and in the city proper). My betrothed girl was in our company in order to become acquainted with the saints. In the evening I baptized Elder John Swenson at his own request.

21st. We had a day of fasting. President Liljenquist, my brother Johannes and I were out in the woods attending to secret prayer. It was our conference day and at 10 a. m, the first session was opened by prayer. I addressed the brethren in particular concerning their duties as missionaries, not to become lifted up with pride, when God blessed their labors with success, but give all honor to Him, to keep themselves pure in mind and abstain from sin so that they might be lights unto the world, as well as to the saints. A separate branch was organized at Frederickshaven, and Nicoli Dorius to preside over the same, and that Peter Hansen and John F. F. Dorius be his assistants, August Nielsen to be ordained an Elder and appointed to labor as a missionary in West Seeland; likewise, that Brother J. J. Folkmann to be ordained an Elder, and to labor in Falster, after having made a brief visit to his native home, the island of Bornholm; that Wilhelm Hansen be ordained a Deacon to go to Falster as a missionary; that Sven Larsen and A. Schouby go to Aalborg conference to labor as missionaries under direction of President Johannes Larsen. The names of about 20 other brethren were read before the conference to be ordained to various offices in the Lesser Priesthood, as Priests, Teachers, and Deacons, to labor in the Copenhagen Branch and its environments. All these calls and propositions were sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference. The first session then adjourned for one hour, and re-assembled at 1 p. m. and was opened by singing and prayer. I occupied a short time speaking about the emigration to the brethren having charge of the various districts to keep accurate accounts of all money coming in as donations, and to give them into their president, and he again to the Mission Office. Brother N. L. Christensen was to be continued as trustee over the poor fund, and Brother Hahn to be ordained an Elder, and to be continued as clerk or secretary in the Mission Office. These propositions were all sustained by unanimous vote. Elder Johannes Larsen then occupied a short time in speaking and he appointed Sven Larsen and A. Schoubye to labor in Randers.

After a few other brethren had been speaking and all of us had partaken of the sacrament the following brethren were ordained Elders (under the hands of Pres, Liljenquist, Johannes Larsen and myself) to viz: F. J. Hahn, N. L. Christensen, August Nielsen and J. J. Folkmann. After this I spoke for a short time and moved that we all hereafter would do our best according to our abilities, and work by all our powers of might and mind to serve the Lord and to keep His commandments, and to sustain the Priesthood and one another. This proposition was sustained by a hearty and unanimous vote. Everybody seemed to be impressed with a fervent desire to serve the Lord.

22nd. I visited some of the saints and assisted by Elder Svend Larsen, blessed three persons, who were sick. In the evening of that day in a council meeting, in connection with Elder O. N. Liljenquist, ordained the rest of the brethren who had been sustained by the conference to receive the Priesthood. Several of the brethren spoke in that meeting, and the spirit of God was present in a great measure. After extending thanks to all the brethren for their assistance, we adjourned sine die. I afterwards signed a number of certificates, and I also received letters from Elders C. Widerborg and Lauritz Larsen.

23rd. I wrote in my journal, and visited some of the saints in Amager. In the evening I attended a prayer meeting at Brother Loves (Lions) in the city proper, where I dismissed with prayer.

24th. In company with Elder John Svenson and my betrothed girl I visited some of the saints outside the town, (Strand Way), where we had a prayer meeting in the evening at Brother Hansen's where I occupied some of the time in speaking to the saint; and finally I dismissed the meeting with prayer.

25th. I accompanied the brethren, E. Jensen, John Svenson and Peter Thomson out to the steamer's harbor, to see them off. E. Jensen for Norway and the other two brethren for the island of Falster. Afterwards I wrote a letter to my brother Christen, who presided in the island of Bornholm. In the evening I attended a good meeting at which many strangers were present and in the beginning some of them tried to make a disturbance, but after I had spoken for a short time, they became quiet, for which I give God my thanks. Afterwards a sister, Maria Petersen, requested a private talk with me and we therefore, retired to an office room, where she revealed to me that Elder Johannes Bohn had committed adultery with her on the first of May last. I put his statement down in writing and she signed it. I then spoke to her, explaining to her the nature of that offense, and she seemed very humble and asked the Lord to forgive her with a promise not to commit that sin again; she also agreed to ask Sister Bohn's forgiveness, and said that she would follow my advice by the help of God.

26th. I wrote in my journal and also wrote a letter to Elder C. Widerborg in Norway. Accompanied by Pros. O. N. Liljenquist, I visited Brother John Bohn, and he then acknowledged to us that he had committed adultery with Sister M. Petersen on May 1st, and he then signed her statement. Afterwards, Brother Liljenquist and I went visiting some of the saints to cheer them up, and in the evening we attended a council meeting at Brother Hansen in the 1st district. I spoke for some time, instructing the brethren on various topics.

27th. This day I fasted. I visited my uncle Mons, and wrote a letter for him to his relations in Eltang, and bore my own testimony to him also. I had a lengthy conversation with a brother in law of Brother Clawson, explaining the Gospel to him, and he seemed very much impressed by what I told him. In the evening some prominent brethren in the Priesthood came together, to take action on Brother Bohn's case, and

he was present himself and also Sister Marie Petersen. They both showed much humility and asked to be forgiven, by the brethren of that meeting and also by Sister Bohn, and declared a willingness to submit to any decision that might be made upon the case. They were then forgiven on condition that they both should be re-baptized for the remission of their sin, after having asked and obtained forgiveness from Sister Bohn. It was 12 o'clock night when we got through and returned home. Thanks to God for the results.

28th. We had two good meetings this day and several brethren preached. I spoke upon the duties and obligations of the saints, both towards God and towards one another not to suffer ourselves to rise up against our brethren and sisters in judgement, neither to give way to back-biting, but for each one to look to himself first. The spirit of God was present in a great measure and we then partook of the sacrament. There had been a great deal of contention and strife among the saints during these days of trying scenes, but now it seemed that these bad influences was passing away from most of our people, and confidence and general good will was returning. Thanks be to God our heavenly Father. In the evening some of us brethren attended a small family social at Brother Hansen's (in Fredericksborg Street) and we had much joy in conversation concerning God's mercy to us.

29th. I wrote a letter to my brother, Johannes Larsen, President of Aalborg Conference, and my betrothed girl and I paid visits to some of the saints in the suburb, Fredericksberg. In the evening I attended council meeting and were not disturbed but a good, peaceable spirit prevailed. Thanks be to God.

30th. I wrote in my journal. Afterwards I visited some of the saints in Amager. When I had returned, I found letters from Elders P. O. Hansen and H. P. Jensen, dated Liverpool, England, August 25th, which brought the lamentable news of the death of Willard Snow while on the sea, and that the corpse was thrown into the sea almost immediately, as the captain of the steamer would not permit the remains to be taken ashore. In the evening I and Pros, Liljenquist and Sven Larsen went out to a place where we generally used to perform baptism, in the sea, and we there administered that ordinance to a Brother Fredericksen, who had voluntarily confessed that he had sexual intercourse with his present wife, before they were married. He had felt condemned by his own conscience and, therefore, he had made this confession. Elder Sven Larsen performed the ordinance and in connection with the other brethren, I administered the ordinance of confirmation.

31st. This day I moved my betrothed girl from Amager and into the city proper, to make her home with Brother Clawson, in Aabenraa Street. Afterwards I went to the office where I wrote letters to the following persons, to via. : President Andersen in Fredericia; Johannes Larsen, in Aalborg and to my parents and Niels Backe in Veile. Afterwards I anointed and blessed two sisters, who were sick. In the evening attended a meeting, where I consecrated some oil, to be used for the sick. Afterwards Brother Hahn and I went out to a place, where there was a small pond, where we administered baptism and confirmation to a Sister Bummer, at her own request.

## SEPTEMBER, 1853

1st. Wrote in my journal, and also wrote a letter to my prospective mother-in-law. I had a long confidential talk with Sister Sarah Jensen. She was very much depressed in her feelings, but after conversation she came to feel better.

2nd. In the evening I baptized four persons, among them was Emilie Fjeldstad, for the remission of their sins, and I gave Sister Emilie Fjeldstad the ordinance of laying

on of hands. I also administered to my betrothed girl, who was unwell, visited some of the saints, and in the evening attended council meeting and talked some time.

3rd. I wrote in my journal and also wrote letters to the following elders; Christen Larsen, president in Bomholm; John Svenson in Falster and Jens Thomson in Aalborg. In the evening I attended council meeting in Christianshavn, in Brother Watterstrom's home. A complaint was read, charging Brother Hostmark with transgression; he showed much humility and asked forgiveness from the council, which was granted. Two other brethren also confessed voluntarily, that they had been in transgression soon after they had joined the church, and they also asked forgiveness and the privilege of renewing their covenant by baptism. I baptized these two men, and in connection with Elder O. N. Liljenquist, confirmed by the water's edge. They felt very grateful to God for this favor.

4th. President Liljenquist and I were out in Fredericksberg and administered to Sister Thomson, who was sick, and attended meetings both in the forenoon and in the afternoon. One brother was ordained a Teacher, and six other members were administered to, and the sacrament was administered also. I spoke at some length upon that subject. After the meeting I went to Brother H.P. Jensen's, where I had the pleasure of meeting Elder Van Cott, who had been sent and appointed to take charge of the Scandinavian Mission. He had come in company with the brethren that had been in England, trying to bring Pres. Willard Snow there.

5th. Brother Rasmussen and I administered to Brother Andersen who was sick. Afterwards, I, in company with my betrothed girl, visited several of the saints in the city proper and also in Amager. In the evening I attended council meeting.

6th. I wrote in my journal and visited a number of the saints. In the evening I attended prayer meeting at Brother Clawsen's and blessed his little son who was sick.

7th. I wrote a letter to Brother John Svensen, in Falster, and afterwards President Liljenquist and I visited some members in the eastern district. In the evening I attended a prayer meeting but Pres. Liljenquist was not well. I took charge of the meeting.

8th. I received a letter from my brother Johannes, from Aalborg, and wrote him a letter immediately in reply. I afterwards, visited some of the saints and later I took my few private belongings away from the Mission Office and put up at Brother H.P. Jensen's (Store Kjobmager Gade); Great Merchant Street.

9th. I wrote a letter to Elder Ahmanson and the saints in Risoer, Norway.

10th. I wrote a letter to my parents and afterwards I visited some of the saints (Strandway) and next called on the brethren in the Mission Office.

11th. I attended meetings both forenoon and afternoon, spoke in both meetings. Pres. Liljenquist and I administered to three of our members. I received a letter from my brother, Christen G. Larsen, from Bornholm. Afterwards, in company with my betrothed girl and Brother Hahn and his girl, visited some of the saints outside of the city. (Strandway)

12th. I wrote letters to Pres. Hougen, and C. Widerborg and Ole Slaro, in Norway. I afterwards went to Brother Petersen (Spring Street) and administered to a sick man. In the evening (Monday) I attended the regular council meeting. Elders P. O. Hansen

and H.P. Jensen being speakers.

13th. Elder H. P. Jensen and I ordained a Brother Niels Jensen to the office of Priest. He was going to Sweden. Afterwards I went to visit some of the saints in Fredericksberg.

14th. My betrothed girl received a letter from her sister, Julia, informing her that their mother had died on the 8th of this month, and was buried on the 11th of the same month. This news was very painful to us.

15th. Elder H. P. Jensen and I took passage on the steamer "Sylphide" for the city of Horseus, where we arrived about 6 p. m. and then we walked to Tiersbeck, arriving there at 9:30 p. m. where we found a hearty welcome with Rasmus Johansen's family.

16th. This day we set out on foot to visit my parents in Greis. We were heartily welcomed by them.

17th. We went on foot to Tiersbeck, where we had a very interesting meeting in the evening with the saints in that neighborhood.

18th. In company with some of the saints we again walked to Fredericia to attend a conference. Elder A. Andersen presided there. I occupied some little time in speaking and also dismissed by prayer. In company with other brethren blessed three persons who were unwell. We had a joyful gathering in the evening with the saints, singing praises to the Lord.

19th. Was in conference. In the afternoon I spoke at some length, by request, and in connection with Elders H. P. Jensen and Pres. Andersen, ordained 2 Elders, 2 Priests, 2 Teachers, and 2 Deacons. We also confirmed 3 persons and administered the sacrament to the saints, and we all gave praise to the Lord for the influence of His Holy Spirit, which we had enjoyed. After meeting some of us crossed over to Streep (on the island of Funen) where we had a good time with the saints living there.

20th. I wrote in my journal and also wrote letters to my brother Johannes Larsen in Aalborg, and to my betrothed girl. Elder H.P. Jensen took passage on the steamer for Copenhagen, while Elder Soren Iversen and I returned to Fredericia and from there we went to Veile, visiting some of the saints on the way in Bradstrup and finally we reached Greis, where we put up for the night by my parents.

21st. We visited the saints in a place called Esstingaar and from there we went to Store Lime, where we held a meeting at Mads Poulsen's. Afterwards Brother Soren Iversen, baptized Sister Anna Mette for her health, and in connection with Brother S. Iversen, I laid my hands upon her and blessed her. We felt the spirit of God upon us in a great measure.

22nd. I wrote a letter to my mother's sister in Eltang. After having visited some of the saints in Esstingaar, I proceeded to Greis.

23rd. This day I spent reading and writing. I received a letter from my brother, Johannes, dated in Randers.

24th. Also this day I spent in reading and writing and in conversation with the saints.

25th, Sunday. We had two meetings in the home of my father. I spoke in both meetings, and assisted by the branch president, Rasmus Johansen, I gave Sister Stine the ordinance of laying on of hands. We also administered the sacrament and we felt greatly blessed. After taking leave of my parents and friends in Greis, my brother Soren and his affianced girl accompanied me on the way to Veile, where we put up for the night with Brother Beck. We found that his wife was much troubled in her mind about the revelation on celestial marriage, and we tried very much to reconcile her and make her feel better and even prayed for her and with her.

26th. I tried again to comfort and persuade her on that subject, and after visiting some of the other saints in Veile, I, in company with my brother Soren and S. Iversen proceeded to Fredericia.

27th. We crossed over the sound to Strip in Fynen to Brother Lars Jensen, and his son, Jens, took us then by a team a couple of Danish miles on our road to Brother Jens Hansen in Thorstup, where we arrived at 8 p. m. We soon got the saints together and held meeting with them, and partook of the sacrament with them, . All of us spoke to the saints in that meeting, and after dismissal, Elder Jens Hansen baptized two persons, and I confirmed them.

28th. As it was a very stormy day, we remained there and held meeting in the forenoon. Several of us spoke in that meeting and one person was administered to for sickness. The afternoon and evening was spent in pleasant conversation, singing and so forth.

29th. After administering to some sick persons we proceeded to the city of Nyborg and visited some saints who lived there, and afterwards we crossed by steamer to Korsor and from there we went on foot to the village of Svenstrup where we held meeting in the evening, and the saints living there appreciated our visit very much.

30th. After visiting and taking leave of some of the saints we started on foot for the town of Ringsted and continued during the night traveling to Roskilde, where we took the train for Copenhagen.

## OCTOBER, 1853

1st. We took the train for Copenhagen.

2nd. Attended meetings both in the forenoon and in the afternoon. I spoke to the saints by way of encouragement and on doctrine also, and in connection with Elder Liljenquist administered to six members and we had a fine time. Afterwards my brother, Chr. G. Larsen and I visited a brother of our mother.

3rd. I wrote in my journal and afterwards in company with my brother C.G. went to visit some of the saints outside the city proper (Strandway). In the evening attended council meeting where a certain brother and his sweetheart appeared, asking to be forgiven and admitted into the church again, as they had been excommunicated for fornication. Some of the brethren objected to their petition being granted, but after some further discussion, it was granted them to be re-baptized. Another cause was laid before that council meeting, against Brother Hostmark, and after a lengthy investigation he was excommunicated from the Church. I spoke at some length, upon the very trying scenes that we had had since the revelation on celestial marriage had been made known to us, because so many of our people had committed

themselves and sinned against the law of God, but he that given them the spirit of repentance, and several had come to me of their own free will, and confessed and asked forgiveness of God through me. His humble servant. These last three months had indeed been a very trying time for the church in Copenhagen.

4th. My brother C.G. and I visited some of the saints in town and in Fredericksberg. We administered to three of Brother Clawsen's children, who were sick.

5th. In company with my brothers, I visited some of the saints in their homes.

6th. I attended the general conference where Elder John Van Cott was sustained as president of the Scandinavian Mission, and P.O. Hansen and H.P. Jensen were sustained as his counselors. I was released from being president of Copenhagen Conference and called to go to Norway; O. N. Liljenquist was called to preside over Copenhagen Conference; Elder Peter Olsen was appointed to preside over Bornholm Conference and several other brethren were called to go as missionaries to different parts of the country. Afternoon, by request, Pres. H.P. Jensen and I spoke to the people and then we adjourned about 4:30 p. m. At the council meeting in the evening, those brethren who were called to perform missions, were ordained and set apart by Elders P.O. Hansen, Peter Olsen, H.P. Jensen, and C.J. Larsen, myself, and several of the brethren spoke in that meeting and I dismissed by prayer.

7th. I wrote in my journal and also a letter to Sarine Simonsen in Zion. The day the brethren from Aalborg arrived by the boat "Zion's Lion, " and my affianced was with them; she had been to visit her father since the demise of her mother. I visited and talked comforting words to some of the saints.

8th. This was the first time that I had been together in such a capacity with my four brothers, to viz. ; Soren, Johannes, Christen and Lauritz, before I went to Norway, and we felt to praise God that we all, together with our parents and sisters, had embraced the Gospel and were members in the Church of Christ. This day I received a letter from Elder Ahmanson in Risoer, Norway, and also letters from Christen Knudaen and Sister A. K. Larsen. In the evening I attended the council meeting and afterwards a number of us Elders had a social gathering at H.P. Jensen's where we had a fine time.

9th. I fasted this day, and attended meeting both fore and afternoon. The lately arrived brethren did the speaking and I dismissed by prayer.

10th. I this day went to the police office to arrange for my papers. Afterwards I went to Fredericksberg and Brother Peter Thomson lent me 25 dollars (American) to assist me on my mission and to my wedding expenses, which would not have been arranged for if I had known that I was to return to Norway and not be permitted to emigrate this season, as Pres. W. Snow had promised me, when I met him in Aalborg for it had been my determined plan not to marry till I could emigrate to Zion. In the evening I asked President Van Cott if he would perform the wedding ceremony before we were married in the Lutheran Church, but he said that he would do it after we had been married according to the law of the land.

11th. Wrote in my journal and afterwards my affianced girl and I went visiting some of the saints in Copenhagen and in Amager. In the evening we had a fine time at H.P. Jensen's. My brothers were there also.

12th. My brothers, Soren and Lauritz and some other brethren took the steamer

for Nyborg. I visited some of the saints and attended council meeting in the evening, where Pres. Liljenquist, Chr. G. Larsen, P. Olsen and I ordained 3 Elders, 4 Pries 6 Teachers, and some Deacons, and we had a very fine time.

13th. I went to the police office with a view of getting my papers, but was there informed that I could not get them in Copenhagen because neither I nor my betrothed girl were not born in that city. My affiance and I next went out to Brother P. Thomsen in Fredericksberg, where I administered to two of the sisters, who lived with Brother Jens Murmester (a mason). Afterwards who and I returned to Amager.

14th. I wrote in my journal. Afterwards I went to the parson for Runde Taarn Church, in Church of the Round Tower, and asked him if he would announce our intention to get married, according to the rules of the state, and he at once consented to do that, but did not tell him that we were Mormons. I was possessed of a fine certificate from Colo. Coldivin, whom I had served, before joining our Church, and this certificate did me good service afterwards when I applied for passport from Copenhagen.

15th. This day I spent reading the "Scandinavian Star" and making visits to some of the saints.

16th. This day in the meetings I assisted Pres. Liljenquist and T. Olsen in confirming five persons members of the Church, by the ordinance of laying on of hands, and we also blessed four children. The spirit of God was abundantly with us.

17th. I wrote in my journal, and attended council meeting in the evening.

18th. I wrote letters to Pres. Hougan in Norway and

19th. to my brother Johannes Larsen, president in Aalborg.

20th to 22nd of October. I visited among the saints and otherwise enjoyed my time by reading and writing. I also this day administered to a sick person.

23rd. I attended meetings all day and also in the evening.

24th to 29th inclusive. Visited the saints in various parts of the city, and wrote letters to my brother Soren, and also a letter to Fredericia. Pres. H.P. Jensen and I visited the saints in Hosterkjob, and stayed with them over night.

30th, Sunday. My betrothed girl, Barbara Jensine Dorthea Olsen was this day married to me by a Lutheran priest in the church of the round tower in Copenhagen (in order to comply with the law of the land. ) In the afternoon I spoke in our public meeting and blessed and administered the sacrament. In the evening, in the home of Pres. H.P. Jensen, the real wedding was performed by Pres. John Van Cott and by the Holy Priesthood which he held, he promised us the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and as witnesses present were Daniel Cams, P.O. Hansen, H.P. Jensen and my brother C.G. Larsen, and I now pray that I may be able to so live by the help of my Heavenly Father that I may be worthy of all these blessings in time and throughout eternity for myself and our posterity.

31st. I wrote in my journal and also wrote a letter to my brother Johannes Larsen in Aalborg. In company with my brother C.G. Larsen, I visited some of the saints and in the evening attended the regular council meeting.



NOVEMBER, 1853

1st. My brother C.G. Larsen and I went to visit some of the saints in Christianshavn.

2nd to 5th inclusive. I, with my wife, visited several families of saints in the city proper and in Christianshavn and Fredericksberg, and we had a very enjoyable time.

6th, Sunday. At meeting in the forenoon, I spoke and in the evening my wife and I were invited to a social party in the home of Brother Christensen in Christianshavn.

7th. I visited some of the saints and took to arranging my things for my prospected mission to Norway. In the evening I attended council meeting.

8th. I took leave of my wife at 2 p. m. and boarded the steamer bound for Aalborg, where I wanted to call on my way to Norway, and arrived in Aalborg at 12 o'clock the same night.

9th. I was received with much joy by my brother Johannes, and also by my father-in-law, Jens Olsen and his children, and even that night met with many of the saints in a prayer meeting and spoke to them for a short time.

10th. I wrote in my journal and in the evening, in company with my brother, I attended a baptismal service.

11th. My brother, Johannes, and I visited some of the saints and in the afternoon, about 3 o'clock, my brother C. G. and my father came on foot from Greis, which was a very happy surprise to me.

12th. In company with my father and my brothers, I visited some of the saints in North Sundby.

13th. At our meeting that day, I occupied some time in the forenoon, speaking to the people, and my father and my brothers spoke in the afternoon. Later we called on to administer to a sick woman.

14th. My brother Chr. G. and I took pains to find some sailing vessel that would take us to Norway, but we did not find any. After attending council meeting in Aalborg, we all crossed over to North Sundby, where we had a real love feast with speeches, songs and a dance added till about 4 o'clock in the morning.

15th. We stayed with Brother Adolph Bone over night and after dinner we, my brother C.G. and I, walked, in company with Brother Petersen, to Hals, where we arrived about 6 p.m. and held meeting that evening; both of us spoke in that meeting and the saints seemed to appreciate our visit very much.

16th. This morning, when we went down to the pier to take passage on the steamer: back to Aalborg, we were met by my wife, coming from Copenhagen, who brought a letter from Pres. Van Cott by which he released us both from going to Norway. This change was caused by a letter from Pres. G.N. Hougan in Norway, where in he stated that the Supreme Court had decided against us as being unchristian religionists, and, therefore, not entitled to religious toleration in Norway, and that I, therefore, would be put in prison again if I came to Norway, and pay cost of court or else expiate it by

imprisonment for a number of days on bread and water fare only. When we arrived in Aalborg, we spent the time in visiting among the saints and in prayer meeting in the evening.

17th. I wrote a letter to Pres. Van Cott in Copenhagen. Administered to a sick woman and wrote a letter to Brother Svend Larsen in Randers. My father took the stage to the same city. In the evening my brother C.G. and Brother Jens Thomsen and I held a meeting in North Sundby. All of us spoke, and we had a fine time.

18th and 19th. I visited some of the saints and in the evening I baptized Jeppe Christensen's four children.

20th, Sunday. I fasted and attended meetings both in the forenoon and afternoon, and I spoke most of the time. My brother Johannes, Jens Thomson and I confirmed five persons by the laying on of hands, and also blessed a sick woman. Later I and my wife, together with several other members of the church, were invited to a social party at Brother Madsen's, and we had a fine time of it.

21st. I wrote in my journal and afterwards my wife and I went over to Sundby. In the evening I attended council meeting. Had a pleasant day and evening.

22nd. I wrote a letter to the saints in Risoer, Norway, and afterwards I visited some of the saints in the town of Aalborg.

23rd. I wrote a letter to Brother Sven Larsen in Randers, and received a letter from Pres. H.P. Jensen, dated Copenhagen, Nov. 19th. In the evening I attended council meeting, where I occupied some of the time speaking and in connection with Pres. Johannes Larsen, Jens Thomson ordained one Elder and two Priests. We felt greatly blessed all that day.

24th. I wrote a reply to Pres. H.P. Jensen's letter, and also wrote a letter to my parents.

25th. Some of the saints took the steamer for Copenhagen this day. I called on my father-in-law, Jens Olsen, as he had promised my wife one hundred Danish dollars (50 American dollars) as her share of her mother's estate, but he only gave me half of that amount, yet he wanted me to give him a receipt for the full amount; but as I was not willing to do that he became very angry and used many hard expressions against me. I reasoned with him for a while and finally he agreed to furnish the balance by Friday, Dec. 1st. In the evening in company with my brother C. G. and my wife, I visited among the Saints in North Sundby.

26th. I wrote in my journal. I received a letter from Pres. John Van Cott, date Nov. 24th, by which he informed me that he had come to the conclusion to send me along with the first company of emigrants this year. I wrote him immediately in reply to this letter. Afterwards, in company with my brothers Johannes and C.G. Larsen, I visited Brother Klingbeck.

27th, Sunday. I spoke in the forenoon meeting and blessed the sacrament in the afternoon. The blessing of God was upon us and we rejoiced.

28th. I wrote in my journal. Afterwards my brother, C.G. and Sven Larsen and I went to Hals, arriving there in the evening, and were entertained by the saints in that village.

29th. I wrote letters to the saints in Risoer, and afterwards visited among the saints. In the evening we had a rousing big meeting.

30th. My brother, C. G. , and I went to Aalborg, where we spent the time in visiting the saints. In the evening attended a council meeting and we had much joy together. Since I had been released from going to Norway, I had been appointed to obtain the names of all persons who wanted to leave with the first company of emigrants and to collect the money from them, those living in the North Jutland and Veusyssel conferences.

## DECEMBER, 1853

1st. I wrote in my journal, and made preparation for starting for Copenhagen the next day. My brother Lauritz and Brother Jensen arrived that evening, and we held a very interesting meeting, at which I preached my farewell sermon.

2nd. It took us till 1 p.m. to get our luggage on board the steamer, that was to take us to Copenhagen. We were in all 90 passengers (Mormons) and sailed all night, arriving in Copenhagen.

3rd. At 10 a. m. Pres. Van Cott had rented a spacious hall for our accommodation until we were ready to leave Denmark, and it took till about 6:00 p. m. before we had our luggage from the steamer.

4th. A meeting was held in this our temporary abode, the rented hall, and I took occasion to speak, encouraging and giving advice to the emigrants, to be very forbearing with one another, while on the way to Zion; for we, henceforth, would be very close together, and detect one another's failings more than ever, and we should therefore, be the more kind and forbearing towards all.

5th. We were kept busy in arranging the luggage for each family in such a way that there could be as much room for the other emigrants that were expected to arrive. In the evening, a council meeting was held at which President Van Cott appointed me to preside over the emigrants while here in this hall, which appointment was cheerfully consented to. Several of the brethren expressed their feeling of satisfaction, and from that day and to the 20th of December, I was kept very busy trying to make it as convenient as possible for all the emigrants. We held meeting occasionally, having prayer and testimony meetings, which had a tendency to produce good feelings and harmony among the people. I wrote sometime letters and blessed some children for their ailments. I baptized two children and one grown person, while here, and also confirmed them by the laying on of hands.

20th. We observed as a fast day and held meetings. Several of the brethren spoke and I bore my parting testimony in Denmark, to the truth of the Gospel, before leaving my native land. Thanks to God for his kindness and mercy.

21st. Some of the emigrant saints and their luggage was brought on board the ship "Slesvig".

22nd. This day I received my appointment by letter from Pres. Van Cott, making me president of the company, which number 301 souls. By 2 p.m. we were all on board, with our luggage, and soon we started off, having favorable wind to help us, and we reached the harbor of Kiel the next morning at 6 o'clock.

23rd. We obtained some hot drink and was soon busy in getting our luggage ashore and on board the railroad train. I administered to Sister Folkman, who had a fit or convulsions. I had to do some business with Mr. Berting, agent for the Morris Company.

24th. At seven o'clock in the morning we started for the city of Gluckstadt, arriving there at 11 a. m. We were all hustled into a large hall, where we were given some hot drink and later we brought our luggage on board the steamer "Advin of Skubland." I wrote a letter to Pres. Van Cott, giving an account of our journey so far. Elder Daniel Cams brought 33 German saints to join our company, which brought our number up to 334 souls.

25th. At 7 a. m. we started down the river Elben and encountered some difficulty with the ice, but got out all right.

26th. The wind was favorable when we started for Hull in England at 7 a. m. A baby boy, nine months old, son of Brother Andersen, died that day.

27th. A child of Jens Andersen died and was buried in the sea that day. Between 5 and 6 p. m. we reached Hull. Brother Sven Larsen and I went ashore and took lodgings for the night. Brother Peter Jensen from Hals died and the ship company attended to his burial.

28th. After getting our luggage on board the train we left Hull about 2 p. m. and arrived in Liverpool at 11 p. m. After getting a bowl of warm soup, we all went to bed, which was a sweet rest for all.

29th. I called on Pres. F.D. Richards at the Mission Office and later in the day I took a stroll out in the city. In the evening we had a meeting and Elder Daniel Carns moved that the 33 German emigrants should be included in the company under my charge, which was agreed to. Johannes Bohn was proposed and sustained as Clerk and Recorder for the company. Several of the brethren spoke in that meeting, giving good advice and council. From that time till January 1st all were kept busy in getting their luggage and themselves on board the big sailing vessel, "Jesse Munne."

30th. I wrote a letter to Pres. Van Cott and also

31st. to my brother C.G. Larsen, Bomholm. This day all the emigrants came on board the ship. An aged woman, mother to Christen Kjar, died here.

1854

JANUARY. 1854

1st. In company with several others, I made a stroll up in town. Later in the day provisions were issued according to the number of persons in each family.

2nd. and the ship was brought off the docks and anchored in the river.

3rd. A steam tug pulled our ship out to sea this day. According to instructions from Pres. Van Cott, I divided the company into wards, appointing an Elder to have charge over each. Brother A. Berthelsen was ordained a Priest. In the evening we had a very good prayer meeting. The following days are not recorded.

13th. We had a very interesting meeting. The spirit of God was in our midst. I united in marriage Sister Sophia Larsen to Brother Anders Petersen, and in connection with Elder Sven Larsen, ordained 3 Elders, 3 Priests and 1 Teacher. We also blessed children belonging to Brother Eriksen.

## FEBRUARY, 1854

8th. My wife and I fasted. We had a council meeting with a view to raise some means for some people who had not the money to pay for their passage up the river, and it was unanimously agreed to not leave any body behind, and to this end a savings box or bank was established, into which anybody might contribute according to means to spare and their charitable disposition; the funds to be used under direction of the president. We had very much blessed day, enjoying ourselves by songs, speeches and prayers, and the spirit of God was over us all. The day before we had passed the island of St. Domingo, and in the evening we had the island of Jamaica to our left and Cuba on the right of us.

12th. We held a meeting, beginning at 10 a.m. and several of the brethren spoke. The spirit of God was with us. I joined Sister Sophia M. Christensen to Brother Lauritz Smith in marriage. Re-convening our meeting at 2;30 p.m. I spoke at some length on the theme of the powers and gifts of the Priesthood, and we then partook of the sacrament, and I then ordained an Elder and several Priests, and we all gave praise to our Heavenly Father.

16th, Thursday. We arrived at the mouth of the great Mississippi River, and anchored about 4 p. m. We all gave praise to God that He had so well preserved us across the great Atlantic Ocean. Each one of the presiding Elders had had regular prayer meeting in the ward every week, and we held two public meetings every Sunday and partaken of the sacrament. We had five adult persons die on the voyage, and 7 small children had died. Three of these had died before we came upon the Atlantic and two of them were very old people.

18th. A steamer pulled our ship up to the Telegraph Station, where we anchored for two hours; then another steamer took us in tow, but that was very slow progress. I wrote a letter to Pres. Van Cott and also one to Brother Widerborg in Norway.

19th. We held our meetings as usual and I ordained Brother Hans Jensen, Hals, an Elder, and married him and Maren Eriksen, making them man and wife.

20th. We reached New Orleans this morning, but we were disappointed in not finding the emigration agent, and none of us could express ourselves much in the English language, consequently we looked up the Danish Consul, but he gave us very little encouragement, but as we were leaving him, we were followed into the street by his secretary, who seemed in sympathy with us, and asked us where we wished to go next, and then we told him that we were Mormon emigrants, and he then told us that he was himself a Mormon, but that it was not known, and he believed that he was the only Mormon in the city, and he was afraid of being discharged if it became known. He gave us information about the place where the Mormon emigrants had bought their provisions the previous year and the next thing was to find a steamer to take us farther up the river, to St. Louis, and we succeeded in making a bargain with a Mr. Brown, who was the captain of the very large steamer by name "St. Louis." Our company had the second cabin, which consisted in a number of small rooms, outside the great saloon, but yet on the same deck as the first cabin passengers had place, and our accommodations were very satisfactory, except for the slow progress made by the steamer. The brethren were made busy in getting all the luggage on board

this steamer, from the sailing vessel, while Brother Sven Larsen and I made arrangements for and bought the provisions to take with us up the river and also for our further journey across the desert plains.

22nd. By 6 p. m. we had everything belonging to our company on board the steamer, and the next day Elder James Brown, who was appointed by Apostle Orson Pratt to be the agent this year, and it was a great relief to us. I informed him of our situation and of our arrangements and bargains, and he said that it could not have been made better if he had made them himself. It was the hand of God who had done it for us.

25th. About 11 a. m. we left New Orleans. All were in good spirit and felt well.

26th. We held a meeting in the afternoon and I married Nora Winberg to A. Berthelsen.

## MARCH, 1854

1st. We held a council meeting at which Sven Larsen and I gave an account of all our expenditures for the company. I took occasion to say to the assembly to be patient and forbearing with one another, and make it as convenient for all as circumstances would permit.

5th. We held a meeting in the afternoon and partook of the sacrament.

8th. We held a private council and settled some difficulties that existed between some brethren from the Aalborg conference and their president. After some talk and explanations, everything was made straight. Thanks to God for it.

11th. In the forenoon six of our company were attacked by cholera Morbus, and were taken on board the quarantine boat a few miles before we reached St. Louis. Five of them died, but one. Sister Kjar, got well and joined us in St. Louis three days later. We reached the city before night, and Sven Larsen and I went ashore and called on Brother H. Eldridge at his office, and I there received two letters, one of them from Zion.

12th. I attended the English (American) meeting and spoke a short time. My wife and I were invited for supper and an English family and we returned on board the steamer we found that my wife's brother had been attacked by cholera and we watched over him all that night.

13th. He, Waldemar Olsen, died at 6:30 that morning, passing away quietly in the Lord. Assisted by a Brother Buchland from Zion, I tried my best all day to rent a house for the company, but in vain, and the sick people were, therefore, under the necessity of making beds of their clothing on the floor of the pier by the river. We could proceed no farther account of ice in the river at that time. After much persuasion, I succeeded in renting a small room for my wife and I and also one for Christen Hansen and his wife, the owner was a Brother Gjare. It was a very quiet night.

14th. After much effort on my part and assisted by Brother Buchland, we had all of the emigrants comfortably housed before night that day, for which all felt very thankful. We had rented two large halls, one in the Mound Hotel, for the emigrants from Copenhagen, and another in the Ullaget Hotel, for the rest of the emigrants.

I had much to do by administering to the sick, during that week, as several had been attacked by cholera and some died after we had reached St. Louis.

19th. I attended meeting with saints from Copenhagen, and spoke to them and administered to some of the sick. In the afternoon I and my wife attended English meeting and at 5 p.m. I attended meeting with the saints in Hotel Ullaget. Several of the brethren spoke in that meeting and we all tried to cheer up and encourage one another, and we realized that the Lord recognized our prayers, for many of the sick were healed, although some died.

21st. This day I filled my 23rd year, and Horace Eldridge, Empey, Buchland, Gjerre, his wife and Brother Folkman took dinner with us. During the week, I was much taken up with waiting upon and blessing the sick. One day I was across the river to find work for some of the brethren. I wrote a letter to Pres. Van Cott.

26th. I was to meeting with our people in the Mound Hotel and administered the sacrament to them, and at 5 p. m. I met with the saints in Hotel Ullaget and we enjoyed the presence of the spirit of God in our midst, and we were almost free from sickness. Thanks be to God.

31st. We had this day a special council meeting on account of two Brethren's unchristianlike conduct, to viz. : Christoffersen and J. Nielsen. We deprived them of their certificate of Priesthood and Brother Nielsen's wife was forbidden to partake of the sacrament until they all would show fruits worthy of repentance. Some brethren were appointed to visit those parties and plead with them and prevail on them to meet with us at our next council meeting. A company of English speaking people, numbering 460 persons, passed St. Louis this day.

#### APRIL, 1854

2nd. We had fast day and meetings in both the hotels. Partook of the sacrament and thanked God that all sickness had left us and the spirit of peace prevailed among us, for which we gave praise to God.

3rd. This day the emigrants in charge of H.P. Olsen arrived, and I conducted him to Pres. Eldridge's office. Afterwards I went on board the steamer that had brought them, and there I found my parents and my brother and sister, who had come in that company, and they were all well; my parents then remained with me until we left St. Louis. In the evening we had a special council meeting at which complaint was presented against Jeppe Christensen for drunkenness and some thieving also, he felt very humble and asked forgiveness, and promised to do right. At the same meeting the subject of raising means for those who were deficient, so that all could go together, that wished to, if there were means that could be spared, and after a length discussion, it was voted unanimously that all would help as much as was in their power and some of the brethren who had donated at the former meeting, donated again. During the week, I was busy assisting the people in various ways.

9th. I attended meeting in the Mound Hotel and spoke there and confirmed two brethren who had been baptized there. We partook of the sacrament and had a very blessed day. Eight adults and eight children had died from Cholera since we left New Orleans.

13th. This day we went on board the "Houdanson," the steamer that was to take us to Kansas, leaving St. Louis at 6 p. m.; arriving there in safety.

18th. We landed at the same place the H.P. Olsen's company went ashore, and as usual, according to our instructions and customs, while we were on the sea and traveling on the steamers on the rivers, I called the company together for prayer but soon after. Elder H.P. Olsen, who had been in charge of the other company, and who we expected to be our captain across the plains, came and forbade us to assemble for prayers or for any religious meetings as long as we remained encamped in this locality, for, said he, we were now only a few miles away from the very people who had persecuted and driven the saints from their homes, but our company felt very much disappointed by this order. I answered that as he was now in charge, I would submit and do as he wanted.

19th. I collected the money from the company, wherewith to pay the freight for our provisions and luggage on the steamer, and settled my accounts with the company and also with the captain and from that day and till the 9th of May.

MAY, 1854

9th. I was kept busy, by assisting the saints in their preparations for their journey across the plains. I administered to many of the sick, also in Olsen's company and wrote several letters, etc. We moved in small parties or by families to Westport, eight miles from Kansas, and when we all had gathered there, then the company was more fully organized by Brother Empey in the following order: H.P. Olsen, captain; C. J. Larsen, Chaplain; Bent Nielsen, wagon master; Peter Thomsen captain of the guard; Jens Hansen, captain of the camp; Jens Jorgensen, captain for 10 wagons; A. Winberg, captain for 10 wagons; Peter Beckstrom, captain for 10; A. Anderson, captain for 10; C. Capson, captain for 10; Valentinesen, captain for 10; and captain H.P. Olsen was to have a wagon and two yoke of oxen for himself, besides a horse to ride or else a mule, and that the company would also have 4 or 5 horses for their use. Each wagon might have eleven persons and not more than 25 hundred pounds of luggage and provisions to carry.

10th. Assisted by Brother A. Winberg and A. Andersen, I consecrated some oil and blessed Sister Hansen and Brother Petersen's children, and wrote in my journal. In the evening a meeting was held to take under consideration what use should be made of the 900 dollars which were surplus after all the wagons and oxen had been paid for, and it was decided that 90 dollars was given Capt. H.P. Olsen to buy a horse, 300 dollars for horses to the company; 200 dollars set apart to pay for being ferried across some rivers, and the remaining 310 dollars to be kept in reserve to buy provisions with, when needed. This latter provision was with the understanding that the money should be refunded as soon as their circumstances would permit, by the parties borrowing such money, after their arrival in Zion. I blessed some oil and the next thing I was to solicit for some more money for Capt. Olsen, from such parties who had surplus means.

12th. I had collected 60 dollars and five cents for Capt. Olsen, which I handed over to him, which it 150 dollars to buy his horse for. From this day I and some other brethren were made to make trips back and forward to buy provisions for the company, to take across the plains. I kept accounts of all this business, besides blessing a number of children nearly every day.

17th. Brother A. Winberg, this day, baptized a man, and in connection with him, I confirmed him a member of the church.

21st. I married Brother Jens Black and Baletta and on the 22nd wrote in my



journal. A Brother Jens Petersen died this day.

26th. This morning at 8 o'clock I had the people together for the first time since we left Kansas, and we attended to prayer and singing, as we were used to do before, and we did likewise in the evening at 6 o'clock. Jeppe Christensen's wife died.

28th. This day we held meeting in our camp, both forenoon and afternoon and observed it as a fast day, partook of the sacrament and we rejoiced in the opportunity that we thus had again to sing, pray and speak openly.

29th. I wrote a letter to Pres. Van Cott in Copenhagen, and to my brothers in Denmark. During the week I made a list of names of all the emigrants and also made account for our expenditures for provisions and other items bought for the company, and in company with H. P. Olsen and Bent Nielsen, met the agent. Brother Empey.

JUNE, 1854

4th. To whom we presented the accounts, between us and him which was satisfactory on both sides. This had taken up the whole day.

5th. We held a council meeting at which complaint was entered against Brother Hans Jensen, Strand, for unchristianlike conduct and for apostasy against certain principles in the Gospel. His certificate of Priesthood was remanded and he was warned and advised to repent and ask God for forgiveness that he might get the good spirit again. In the afternoon we held meeting and partook of the sacrament, and I spoke to the people for some time, and the spirit of God seemed to inspire and cheer every heart. As the time was now near for our start on the plains, it was decided to draw lots for the animals. Our captain informed us that he had been advised or ordered to take the companies over a new road for several days, but by whom so ordered, I never learned, but, said he, there would be found better grass that way, and he then inquired if the company was willing to do so; all agreed to this proposition. He further stated that it would be necessary to equip five men with armes, like soldiers, to be on guard on that road, and the following brethren were selected: Wm. Walentinsen, A. Andersen, Fred. Nielsen, Peter Madsen and Brother Ries.

11th. We held meetings, both in the forenoon and in the afternoon, and partook of the sacrament. Brother C. Schou and I occupied the time speaking; blessed some sick persons and consecrated two bottles of oil.

15th. After prayer in the morning and breakfast, we started and traveled two miles.

16th. We traveled about 6 miles and then camped. After prayer in the evening it was decided to raise money enough wherewith to buy one more yoke of oxen for each wagon.

18th. I wrote in my journal attended meeting in the afternoon.

21st. I was back to Kansas after the oxen that we had bought, and some of these cattle were yoked up the next day.

23rd. We broke camp at noon and traveled 10 miles that day, and traveled each succeeding day without anything happening of special interest. A few were sick.

29th. One of our sisters gave birth to a baby boy, and I administered to some of the sick, and I also baptized one sister in the evening for her health by her own request.

30th. I was awakened at 4 a.m. to administer to some sisters who were sick. When we camped for the night, I baptized Ove Hansen for his health and also his brother Olin Hansen into the Church, and confirmed him a member by the laying on of hands. The new road which we had traveled so far we found to be very heavy, and there was no tracks broken and the grass was from 3 to 4 feet high, wherefore, we didn't go more than 8 or 10 miles a day, and we found it necessary to ease our loads by emptying our boxes and throw them away, and put our things loose in the wagons.

JULY, 1854

6th. This day we took a wrong course. In the evening a Brother Anders Larsen requested to be excommunicated from the church, as he would not stay with us longer than we could reach the fort (Fort Leavenworth) in a few days. His request was complied with.

9th, Sunday. We had meeting in the forenoon. A few of us spoke in that meeting. Afterwards we traveled a short distance and at last we descended a steep hillside and made camp. The following three days we were kept busy by getting our wagons down a very steep hillside and making road for them. This was accomplished by hands and with having ropes attached, that were strong enough to hold them back, while the wheels were locked. The cattle were made to swim across the river while our wagons were taken over in the ferry. But it was quite a difficult task, although the distance was not very great. We, therefore, made camp, to wait for all the wagons and luggage was safely brought over the river.

13th. Finally we got ready and left our late camp about 11 a. m. and traveled 10 or 12 miles that day.

16th, Sunday. We remained in camp and had a very good meeting and several brethren spoke and all seemed to have gained new strength, after the last few days of hard work. Some few sick persons were administered to.

22nd, Saturday. We struck the old emigration road by the Little Blue.

23rd, Sunday. We had meeting in the afternoon and several of the brethren spoke. In the evening Brother Rasmus Johansen baptized a small girl and I confirmed her.

28th, Friday. We passed Fort Kearney and this day we killed the first buffalo.

29th. While we encamped for noon a herd of buffaloes, numbering several hundreds, came from the opposite side of the river, passing very close to our camp, and the brethren killed several of them, and afterwards the meat was dried and we all got as much meat as we could take with us.

30th, Sunday. We held meeting, administered the sacrament and several brethren spoke, and I married Brother Gardner to Sister Neilsen. We had a fine time that day.

AUGUST, 1854

4th. We made our camp about 4 p.m. Apostles E. T, Bentson and Erastus Snow and Elder Orson Spencer joined us, coming from Salt Lake City and Erastus Snow spoke to us in our meeting. The other two brethren spoke to the emigrants in Capt. Brown's company in the evening.

5th. We had a splendid meeting; the three brethren from the Valley spoke to us and we appreciated their presence very much. We were advised by them to divide our company by two or three divisions, when we had passed Fort Laramie.

12th. After we had traveled 6 or 8 miles, we were overtaken by Elders Benson and Eldredge, who asked us to send 15 yoke of oxen back to assist an English company who had lost their cattle, and Brothers H.P. Jensen and J. Bentsen were sent back with help. We made camp and there we had to settle some difficulty between Christen Larsen and Niels Beck who had one wagon together, and it was concerning the weight of each party's luggage. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter and decide.

14th. The wife of Christen Lauritsen gave birth to a baby.

17th. We passed a large encampment of Indians before we reached Fort Laramie. They shot one of our cows, that was lame and we let them have the meat. They also had shot one belonging to Hans Monsen, and it came into our camp wounded, where we had it butchered. We then camped for noon, half a mile from the Fort. We crossed the river and passed the Fort, about 4 p.m. Here I mailed several letters.

21st. Brothers H.P. Jensen and J. Bentsen joined our company again. They reported that the Indians had killed 30 soldiers in Fort Laramie. In the afternoon we crossed the river and camped, joining Richard's company of emigrants. All with whom we came in contact had something to tell about the Indian fight in Fort Laramie. From that date and for several days after we traveled closer together and made large camps at night.

## SEPTEMBER, 1854

2nd. We laid over for a rest. At our evening prayer meeting, each captain over ten wagons was requested to investigate the condition of each family and what they were in need of and it was decided to make the next day a fast day.

3rd. We had two meetings and many of the brethren spoke; we also partook of the sacrament and I gave a boy the ordinance of laying on of hands, and also blessed the baby of Christen Lauritzen and some few who were sick. The spirit of God was greatly felt in our midst and several of the saints brought voluntary donation of provisions for the needy, as it was found out that several families were in need. I was constantly around among the people, those five days that we remained here and all were willing to help their needy neighbors.

12th. A company from Salt Lake Valley brought us some flour and from that time on we were not left in want for anything, as teams would come out to meet us with provisions.

## OCTOBER, 1854

5th. We this day reached the end of our journey, making our final camp in Salt

Lake City at 6 p. m. I then settled my account with the brethren.

6th. This day I attended the semi annual conference and for the first time I heard President Brigham Young speak, and I was present nearly all the time, during the following two days meeting.

12th. With my wife and my parents, I journeyed to Weber County (Kington's Fort My brother-in-law, who had arrived the previous year (Christoffer Olsen) came and conducted us there and we made our first home there.

22nd. I was baptized for the remission of my sins according to the rules of the church for all emigrants and Bishop Thomas Kington confirmed me October 29th.

NOVEMBER, 1854

5th, Sunday. I baptized my wife, Barbara Jensine Dorthea, by request of the bishop.

6th, Monday. I baptized my father and also a woman, Brother Miller and his wife, Hans Monsen and his wife and their two sons, Hans and Jens, and a widow woman Monsen. Bishop Kington was present on this occasion.

13th, Sunday. Christoffer Olsen was ordained an Elder and then we, jointly confirmed those who had been baptized. We had a good meeting and partook of the sacrament. I was invited to speak but it was a very short sermon that I preached. After meeting I baptized my mother.

20th, Sunday. In meeting I spoke a short time and then I confirmed my mother by the laying on of hands.

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JANUARY, 1855

13th, Saturday. At 2 p. m. this day my wife gave birth to a son; she had been sick 9 hours, but by the blessings of the Lord, she stood the ordeal well and both the baby and herself soon got well. In the spring I had put in 10 acres with wheat, a couple of miles west of the fort where I had bought 20 acres of land, and my father and I worked hard to build a dam across a slough so as to get water on the land to irrigate with. My neighbor, Mr. Call, who is a surveyor, had told me that he would help me build the dam because he had some land below mine, but he did not keep or come up to this agreement and it, therefore, took my father and me, the time till the month of June before we had finished the job, and then it proved to be of very little benefit to us as we could water only a few low places of the land. We had only a spade and a shovel to work with and had to carry the dirt several rods in that way. This was my first trial or disappointment in Zion.

JUNE, 1855

8th, Friday. The grasshoppers descended from the mountains in swarms so thick that they obscured the sun, and they devoured everything growing that was green, wherever they let down. Fortunately for me they did not settle on my land, and if they had done to me as they had done to my neighbors, I would not have raised a kernel of grain. All who could irrigate their land raised, however, a third or half a crop, but I got about one fourth of a crop, and felt very thankful to my Father in

Heaven for that.

10th. This day the grasshoppers flew away towards the Great Salt Lake and we were glad to see them leave us. I was invited to speak that afternoon in meeting.

OCTOBER, 1855

Bishop Kington chose and called me to be his second counselor in the Bishopric, and I gave my consent.

NOVEMBER, 1855

12th, Sunday. I was called to take the lead of the meeting. Afterwards I baptized seven Danish and two English emigrants and Elder Christoffer Olsen and I confirmed them. We partook of the sacrament in the evening and Bishop Kington and I addressed the people.

1856

NOVEMBER. 1856

1st, Saturday. I moved to Ogden, where I had bought a city lot and 20 acres of land.

1857

MARCH, 1857

1st, Sunday. My wife and I were baptized; it was in the time of the General Reformation, and I was called to act as a home missionary in the Weber Stake of Zion.

APRIL, 1857

7th. I was ordained a Seventy under the hands of President John Van Cott.  
11th. My wife awakened me and sent me after the midwife. She was relieved by 2:30 a. m. A girl.

SEPTEMBER, 1857

30th. I was enrolled in Chauncy West's company of militia and ordered with the company to go out in defense of our people, to meet the so-called Buchanan's Army. We laid in camp and drilled till the 19th of October, when we received orders to start north and so we marched through Cache Valley and finally reached March Valley the 25th. We were under drill every day to some extent. We received orders to return and marched back, through Malad Valley and Brigham City to Ogden, where we arrived Nov. 2nd and were discharged until further orders.

NOVEMBER, 1857

9th. We received orders to proceed to Echo Canyon at 12 o'clock and we soon were on our way up Weber Canyon. A good deal of snow had fallen and it was very cold, and we reached Echo Canyon between 3 and 4 p.m. and then tried to make ourselves as comfortable as we could under the circumstances.

DECEMBER, 1857

1st. This day, after we had been drawn up in line and had been addressed by General D. Wells and Apostle John Taylor and Col. C. West, by way of encouragement we commenced our return and reached Ogden and home Dec. 3rd, and all were glad to be home again, as it was very cold.

During the remainder of the winter. Brother B.F. Cummings and I acted as home missionaries in Weber Stake and we held meetings nearly every night in one place or another in Weber Stake and we had an enjoyable time.

1858

In the spring we got word from Pres. B. Young that all the people should move south. I was requested to remain with a company of ten men to remain and watch over the property, and two other companies of 10 men likewise remained in town with instructions to burn everything if it was necessary. I was appointed captain of these companies. According to these orders, my brother Lauritz moved his family and mine first to Salt Lake City, and later on to Springville, where I found my family in very straightened circumstances when we were permitted to return to our own homes. Before I started for home I was employed in making a road up through Provo Canyon a couple of weeks. I had bought a load of Saleratus from a Brother Lemmons in Ephraim which I peddled away in Pleasant Grove and American Fork, most of the pay consisted in butter and cheese, which I took to Salt Lake City and was lucky in exchanging for some calico and other highly needed articles for the use of my family, but there was very little to be had of that kind in those days. Later on I brought my family safely to Ogden. In the spring of this year (1858) before we moved south, one of my neighbors came to me and said that he had a fair prospect for a good crop of volunteer wheat, but as he was going to move south, he would let me have half of what would be raised on his land, if I would look after it and take care of it, while he was away, if he ever came back; but when we all were permitted to return to our respective homes and he came back, and found a very good crop of grain raised on his land, he would not stand up to his agreement. I had thus a very gloomy prospect for a livelihood during the coming winter. I, therefore, made up my mind to go to Sanpete for a load of saleratus. During the summer my parents, brothers and sisters had all moved to that valley and thus they used their influence to prevail upon me also to come and make my home there. The people in Sanpete had raised a good crop that year. I gathered up a load of saleratus and started back for home, disposing of the saleratus as I traveled homeward, and succeeded in swabbing around till I had got another yoke of oxen and a wagon, besides what I had before. I sold my city lot to Capt. James Brown for a fanning mill, which I had learned while in Ephraim, was much needed there, and I then took my family to Ephraim, however, intending to move back in the spring as I was the owner of 20 acres of good land about 2 or 3 miles west from Ogden, which I had not sold yet. During the winter I made my living by fanning wheat in Ephraim; Caleb Edwards caused some more land to become hostile and the so-called "Black Hawk War" broke out. The settlements in Sevier county were especially exposed to dangers from the Indians and many teams were therefore sent to Richfield in that county to assist the settlers in coming into Sanpete valley for safety and I was one of the number. This was caused also us, in Sanpete, much trouble and labors, because we had to keep guard at nights when we were not called out to go after the Indians in the mountains, besides there was from 5 to 6 miles to our hay meadows, and it was, therefore, necessary to go in companies and go well armed to protect us, while hauling the hay home, and

also have well armed men to tend our cows and other stock.

1864

AUGUST, 1864

13th, Tuesday. The previous day I had been cutting hay with a scythe and my garments had become wet from sweating, and I, therefore, asked my wife to let me have another garment, but she told me that she had only a new one but had not got it finished with the proper marks, and I therefore, did not take it or put it on; we always traveled in companies but I had some extra work this morning to do and when I got ready and started, I had no company except my 9 year old son but we reached two other teams before getting to the most dangerous part of our way through the cedars and up hill over the range, before we could reach the meadow, and I was, therefore, behind the rest of the company. When I had just reached the top of the last hill, the report of guns reached us, and looking back, we saw some Indians, only 5 or 6 rods from us. I had my gun fastened to the upright ladder on my hay rack, and was myself standing upright, when looking to the left, I saw about 15 or 20 Indians not more than two rods away from my wagon; the other two wagons were on the right of the road. I shall not attempt to describe my feelings and the thoughts that flashed through my mind during those moments and while I was getting my lines untied and my black snake whip in my hand, there were two of the Indians trying to get ahead of my team to stop it, but failing in that they then fired 7 or 8 shots at once and when none of them hit, I felt perfectly calm and said to my son: "Stick to the wagon; the Lord is not going to let us be killed. " They followed us on by here till all had untied their guns at us, the last two shot at my son and he felt the bullet graze his hair, but was not hurt. When we reached the hay meadows, we found that many teams from Spring City, Mount Pleasant and Moroni had stopped as the men had heard the firing and they then began investigating if any one was hurt, and it was found out that one bullet had broken the butt end of my gun, another bullet had settled in my binding ladder, one bullet had cut my horse lines, which I held in my hands right under my hair, and one bullet had penetrated my vest, close to my left vest pocket; all the shots were fired from the right side of the wagon, and the shots were fired from so close range that where they struck the powder marks in black were visible in every case.

I have always felt very thankful to the Lord for this wonderful protection of our lives, and I am even willing to acknowledge that I sometimes have considered it as a token or witness to those who had accused me of a crime that would have merited death, if I had been guilty; and I hope that I have thereby learned to follow the advice of the Apostle Paul "To shun even that which may have the appearance of sin."

1868

In the spring of 1868, the grasshoppers appeared and destroyed my grain crop as fast as it came out of the ground and in consequence I concluded, in company with my first wife, to visit her two brothers, who were living in Cache Valley, who we had not met or seen for several years. After our arrival there, we learned by letters from home that the grasshoppers had eaten up all my crop and I therefore concluded to remain in Cache Valley that summer, in order to raise some means of subsistence for my family. One day as I was riding with my brother-in-law, C. Olsen, on our way to Logan, we met Apostle E. T. Benson, who stopped us in a very friendly way and addressed us and finally expressed a wish that he would like for me to come and make my home in Logan. I told him of my misfortune in Sanpete with regard to the grasshoppers destroying my crops and he at once took me over to

the Tithing Office and introduced me to Brother Peter Maughan and G. L. Farrell, and the latter let me have 20 acres to rent, which was planted in corn and 5 acres in rye, and with this I was kept busy that summer. In the fall. Apostle Benson came and offered me a contract under him on the C. P. railroad that was being built and I took a contract for one half mile and kept at work on that job till Christmas time. When I arrived home I found my wife very sick and I was forced on the account to remain with her all winter. The following spring she had improved some and so I took my oldest son, John C. with me and again commenced work on the railroad and continued till the road was finally finished and I had earned enough money to pay off all my indebtedness that had been accumulated during the winter on account of my wife's sickness. Later on that year I went to Spring City and moved the rest of my family to Logan which had not been my intention when I first set out for that place. At the October conference that year Brother O. N. Liljenquist and I were appointed home missionaries for Boxelder, Bear Lake, and Cache Valley among the Scandinavians and in that way the winter was spent.

1869

In the following spring I assisted Bishop Ballard on constructing the Utah Central railroad till it was finished into Cache Valley. When Bishop O. N. Liljenquist and I were ready to commence our mission in Cache Stake, Bishop William B. Preston appointed Bishop William Maughan and Bishop Henry Houghe to go with us, and we thus visited all the wards in Cache Stake, and held meetings, as well as visited many families in their respective homes, and we had a fine time in these labors. Two days meetings or conferences were also held in each ward during the year, all of which I generally attended. I also visited Boxelder Stake and held meeting in Mantua Brigham City, Bear River City and Deweyville. When Apostle Brigham Young, Jr. was appointed president for Cache Stake, I was called to be a member of the High Council, and also retained as a home missionary. When Elder C.D. Fjeldstad was sent from Salt Lake City, to labor here among the Scandinavians, I joined him and we traveled together in that capacity, both in Cache and Boxelder Stakes and were often three or four days away at the time and we always had very interesting meeting and in all such meetings the local bishop would ask us to attend and speak to the people in English and in this way we continued our labors till 1877.

1877

When Elder Moses Thatcher, who was first on the list of High Counselors, was called by President Brigham Young to preside over the Cache Stake. At the same time there was appointed bishops for all districts in Logan where only a Teacher or Elder had been presiding before and each of these bishops were given two counselors Thus Bishop Ballard was made to preside over the 2nd ward in Logan, and he desired me for his first counselor, but as I had been sustained as senior member of the High Council by the conference. President Moses Thatcher came to me and said that I could have my choice whether I wished to remain with the High Council or I would comply with the wish of Bishop Ballard and be his first counselor. I answered that inasmuch as Bishop Ballard and I had always been on the best of terms since the time when I made my home in that ward, and at all times been on hand to be of such service to him as I could, I would now be willing to comply with his wishes in that respect. I now thought myself released from any further missionary labors outside of the ward but it was only a few days after the conference when President M. Thatcher called me and said that he desired me to continue as a home missionary in Cache Stake, not only among the Scandinavians, but all the people and said he, you may call any of the Scandinavian brethren to assist you and go with you. At the same time



he mentioned A. L. Skanchy and John Larsen. As Brother Fjeldstad and I had labored together in that capacity for several years I asked that Fjeldstad might still take the lead as he had done before, which was conceded and thus I performed my mission in connection with the other duties that were resting upon me, as counselor to the Bishop, both temporal and spiritual; for we had much responsibility resting upon us during those years when we were building the tabernacle in Logan and the Temple. During the winter months we often had to camp in the canyon during the night, while hauling building material for those buildings, and often we would have traveled from 5 to 10 miles before day light in order to reach home before night but we all felt happy and cheerful, and would give vent to our feelings by songs and prayer, while encamped in the canyon and the Lord made our burdens and labors light.

1879 and 1880

When Moses Thatcher was called to be an Apostle, in the quorum of Twelve, and William B. Preston was appointed president over the Cache Stake of Zion, and soon after the conference I and three other brethren were called and set apart by the presidency to work as missionaries during three months in the manner as if we were sent abroad among people in the world, visiting and speaking to the people in their respective homes, as well as speaking in public meetings. We, Elder Robert Beckstad, who was my partner, commenced our missionary labors in Mendon, and from there we continued our labors south and east, and then we turned north, following the settlements on the east side of Cache Valley till we met the other missionaries in Coveville, and after that time we held meetings jointly in Richmond and in Lewiston during the holidays and then we continued work again till we had filled our appointment and visited in all the settlements when we reported to the conference, which was held in Logan, January 30th, 1881. We had traveled 500 miles, held 143 meetings; administered to 75 sick persons and listened to the testimony of 313 Latter-Day Saints bearing witness to the truth. That was one of the most interesting and pleasant as well as agreeable missions that I ever did perform. The Lord be praised.

1885

MARCH. 1885

10th. I commenced my labors in the Temple in Logan, having been called to labor there by President Merrill and I labored there till April 23rd, 1887, and during that time I baptized 23, 769 persons, confirmed by the laying on of hands 3,107 and also assisted in performing other labors belonging to the Holy Ordinances of the Temple, and that mission was the most blessed and pleasant labors that I ever have performed; for I felt as though I was nearer Heaven when there. During the last winter that I labored there I had to leave my home to go there in the morning between 3 and 4 o'clock to avoid falling into the hands of certain U.S. officers who were wanting me as well as many others and it was on that account that President Merrill released me at the time specified above saying: "Now take care of yourself, so that they shall not get you into prison, (adding), you have had enough prison in Norway. " A few weeks after that time I saw it would be more safe for me to get away, so as to avoid being put in prison and to leave home for a while; and besides this reason, I had also accumulated a debt of nearly one thousand dollars during the proceeding three years as I had not had much of a chance to earn anything. Consequently I took two of my sons, one 13 years old and the other one 15 years old, with a wagon and two span of horses and set out on the old emigration road most of the time and traveled about 800 miles east, where I obtained work on a new piece

of railway that was being constructed through what was at that time called the Sand Hills. This change of employment was to me indeed very trying, after having labored so long in the Temple; for while we traveled we camped nearly every night alone by ourselves and the thought often struck me that our condition might be compared to the condition of our first parents when they were turned out of the Garden of Eden into the cold and cheerless world. About Christmas time, my first wife and a daughter came out to keep house for us and I rented another house where we lived during the winter and in the spring of that year we moved 200 miles north and east and labored on a job on what was then called Craton Railroad and Brother M.D. Hammond had contract on all those railroads. After we got through with railroad work we would haul freight about 1800 miles west to Washington Territory and then labored on the R.R. Railroad till the middle of October when I moved with my family to Farmington, where we lived during the winter. We attended to our prayers morning and evening wherever we stayed just the same as when we were home and on Sundays did we have a family meeting and invited or permitted any body who wished to be present with us to do so and I had often conversations with neighbors about our faith and doctrines and generally with pleasant results. I remember one or two instances where I was requested by men in the camp to hold meeting for them and explain our belief and doctrines and that I found those same men would show me as much and even more respect and consideration after that time than before. I believe that I am telling the truth in this respect. I labored on three different railroads in Washington Territory during that fall season and finally started for home arriving in Logan in the month of November. After getting home I generally took hold and attended to my duties in the ward as counselor to Bishop during the winter until the spring of 1890, when I moved my family and lived upon my farm (east in Logan) now the Seventh ward, which I had bought from the C. P. Railroad Company, as I had sold my home in the 2nd ward, a few months previous to settle up my debts. I will here state briefly concerning my labors in the 2nd ward from 1868 to 1890 that I had baptized or being present with baptism 234 and assisted by confirmation 260; I ordained to the Priesthood 120 persons. I was called to administer to sick persons 850 times and I will furthermore here state that although I was not called to labor as a regular missionary after the 1880, yet I was often called to go to other towns to preach, mostly to the High Priests on Sundays. The last Sunday in the month of September, 1890, I was voted in to be Bishop of the Seventh ward in Logan and on November 3rd, same year, ordained and set apart by Apostle M.W. Merrill and labored in that capacity until the year 1908 when I was honorably released on May 3, 1908 I was ordained a Patriarch by President Joseph F. Smith in Logan.