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The Private Journal of

Sylvester Q. Cannon

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Wednesday, Oct. 25

From now on I want to write my journal entirely in French or in German.

Brother Robinson came in this morning before I had gotten up. He was returning to Liège in the afternoon. Brother Lee and I had dinner at Sister Goltz's home, which was sent by Sister Wiart. This afternoon we went to Liège where we took a bath. We had supper in the office with Sister Robisson. Brother Lee and Brother Robinson spoke at the meeting this evening. After the meeting Brother Lee and I returned to Seraing.

Thursday, Oct. 26

This morning we bought some milk for breakfast. We had dinner at Sister Goltz's, and supper at Brother and Sister Cammé's. Brother Cammé was at home. Then we went to the meeting, where Brother Robinson and Brother Lee spoke. I enjoyed the meeting very much.

Friday, Oct. 27

I received a letter at noon from Emily which was very welcome. At about one o'clock we went to Sister Pâques's home where we had dinner. Then we went to Ougrée where we visited Brother and Sister Van Gestie, Brother and Sister Stegen, and Sister Lambert, and there we had supper. After that, we came back to Seraing. Célinie Bernard and her mother brought our white shirts, etc., here this evening. This girl seems to like Brother Lee quite well.

Saturday, Oct. 28

This morning we had breakfast with Sister Goltz. Then Brother Lee went to Jahay with Brother Robinson, where they intended to baptize a few persons. I had dinner with Sister Goltz. In the afternoon I went to Liège, where I stayed with Brother Springer. We had dinner at Sister Issenberg's home.

Sunday, Oct. 29

We fasted this morning. At ten o'clock we held a German meeting. The persons who spoke were Brother Goltz, Brother Springer and Brother Strecker. After the meeting, we returned to Seraing to Brother Goltz's, where we had dinner. Then we went to the meeting, which was conducted by Brother Springer. The elders who spoke were Brother Niset and Brother La Haut. We returned to Liège and I went to Sister De Guée's, where I had supper, which tasted very good. Then I returned to the office, where I found Brother Robinson. At the meeting, Brother Robinson and Brother Springer spoke. Some boys outside were making a lot of noise on the windows, which disturbed the meeting. After the meeting some of us visited the fair, or kermesse. I stayed in Liège tonight.

Monday, Oct. 30

This morning we ate with Brother and Sister Robisson in the office. I returned to Seraing and I found Brother Lee here. We ate at noon at Sister Goltz's. We had supper there also. It rained today for the first time since I have been here.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 1844

We ate in our office this morning. At noon we walked to Brother Lambert's home in Ougrée, where we had dinner. After that, we visited Brother and Sister Stegen, Sister Menseur and Brother and Sister Trillet. We ate in the office this evening.

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Today is the day of the fête Toussaint (All Saints). We had dinner at Sister Goltz's, and we found that Brother Goltz was sick. In the afternoon we went to Liège by train. We took a walk here during the afternoon. Many people were in the city. We ate this evening at Brother and Sister Isenburg's. They are very good saints, especially Sister Isenburg. At the meeting this evening Brother La Haut and Brother Robinson spoke. After the meeting, we returned to Seraing.

Thursday, Nov. 2

We fasted this morning until noon; then we ate at Br. Goltz's. This evening we had supper with Brother and Sister Cammé. At the meeting, Brother Lee and Brother Lambert occupied the time.

During the month of October I attended twenty meetings.

Friday, Nov. 3

About noon we went to Sister Pâques's home, but she was not there, so we went back to the office, where we ate. This afternoon we went to Ougrée, where we visited Brother and Sister Van Gestel. We ate there and then we went to Sister Stegen's, and from there to Sister Lambert's, whose son Henri was sick.

Saturday, Nov. 4

We ate in the office this morning. At about noon Brother Goltz came hurrying to us and asked us to come home with him because his wife was sick. We went and found that his wife had just had a baby, a girl. We administered to her. Brother Lee annointed her with the consecrated oil and I sealed the annointing and blessed her. Brother Lee went to Jahay this afternoon. I ate with Brother Goltz this evening. His wife felt much better than at noon.

Sunday, Nov. 5

This morning I fasted. I went to Liège, where we were holding a German testimony meeting. There were only five members present, but we had a good spirit. I bore my testimony in German. After the meeting, Brother Springer, Brother Strecker and Sister De Guée and I returned to Seraing. First of all, we went to Brother and Sister Goltz's home. Then we went to the testimony meeting. There was a good spirit present. I was the voice in blessing the oil for Sister Menseur and Brother Robinson was the voice for the blessing of Sister Van Gestel's child. I bore my testimony in French. After the meeting, Brother Robinson and the rest of us returned to Liège. We had dinner with Brother and Sister Robisson. At the testimony meeting this evening many members bore their testimonies, and I did, too.

Monday, Nov. 6

Brother Robinson and I came to Seraing this morning after lunch with Brother and Sister Robisson. We found Brother Lee here. We ate at noon at Brother Goltz's. Brother Robinson returned to Liège this afternoon. We had dinner with Brother Goltz.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

We had dinner in the office this morning. At about noon, we went to Ougrée, where we ate with Brother Lambert. Brother Lee went to Ougrée before I did and he visited Brother Trillet and Sister Menseur. In the afternoon we returned to the office. Brother Robinson came here this afternoon. Brother Robinson and Brother Lee had supper at Sister Pâques's, while I went to Brother Goltz's. Brother Springer, Brother Strecker, Brother La Haut and Brother Robinson came this evening for the priesthood meeting. At this meeting, among others, I spoke a little in French. By the vote of the priesthood Brother Cammé was suspended from the priesthood. (Tr.: Literal translation; what was meant by "suspended" is not certain.)

Wednesday, Nov. 8

We went to Sister Goltz's for dinner, which Sister Weart had prepared for us. It was raining very hard for a while this afternoon. We went to Liège, where I bought a French-German dictionary. We then went to take a bath, which I enjoyed. We ate at Brother and Sister Isenburg's. At the meeting this evening Brother Lee and Brother Robinson preached. After the meeting we returned to Seraing.

Thursday, Nov. 9

We fasted this morning until noon. Then we went to Sister Goltz's for dinner. In the evening we ate at Brother and Sister Cammé's. Then we went to the meeting. There were only a few members there, but there were about five strangers. Brother Robinson and Brother Lee preached.

Friday, Nov. 10

We ate in the office this morning and at noon. This afternoon we went to Ougrée. There we ate at Brother and Sister Lambert's.

Saturday, Nov. 11

We had lunch and dinner in the office today.

This afternoon we took a walk through the upper sections of Seraing. We visited a girl, Sister Weart, and then we went to the cemetery which was nearby. There were many tombs and on all the graves there were crosses. We ate at Brother Goltz's this evening.

Sunday, Nov. 12.

Early this morning we went to Brother Lambert's home where Sunday School was being held at 8 o'clock. Then we returned to Seraing. We had dinner with

Brother Goltz. Then we left for the meeting. During the meeting, Brother Robinson and Brother Lee and I spoke. We had supper at Brother Goltz's and then we went to Liège. During this meeting some funny individuals came in and tried to disturb the meeting, but they finally went out. Brother Robinson spoke this evening. Brother Lee and I slept at Brother Robisson's house.

Monday, Nov. 13

We had lunch this morning with Brother and Sister Robisson, Brother Robinson and Brother Springer in the office. Before noon, Brother Robinson, Brother Lee and I took a walk in the city. Brother Lee and I had dinner in the office. This afternoon a child was killed in the street near the office by a wagon that ran over its neck. About three o'clock (or 15 o'clock, Belgian time) we left the office to go to a lawyer with Brother and Sister Goltz. A contract was made by which Sister Goltz would receive 550 francs from a man who had killed her first husband. We returned to Seraing with Brother and Sister Goltz in a carriage and we ate with them.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

At about noon we went to Ougrée where we ate with Brother Lambert. Then we went to Sister Trillet's, above Ougrée. Then we returned home. This evening we ate at Madame Bernard's home, whose daughter irons our laundry. After dinner a young man came by to hear more concerning the Gospel because he had read one of the brochures on the Gospel. Brother Lee explained the Gospel to him and spoke for about an hour and a quarter.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

This morning we went to Liège where we had a bath, after which we ate at Sister Robisson's. Then we went to Brother Isenburg's where we found Brother George Coulain Jr., who is returning home after a mission in Germany. The three of us took a walk in the city for a while; then we went to Brother Isenburg's for supper. After that, we went to the office, where we found Brother Robinson and Brother Springer. In the meeting Brother Lee and Brother Robinson spoke and Brother Coulain also spoke, but he spoke German. After the meeting, Brother Lee and I returned home. Brother Coulain is expected to leave tomorrow morning.

Thursday, Nov. 16

We fasted this morning until noon. Brother Robinson came here before noon. We all had dinner at Sister Goltz's. Then Brother Robinson and Brother Lee went out to distribute tracts. During their absence, Sister Robisson and Sister Bertha Stoffel came. They went out to buy something to eat and then we had dinner in the office. In the meeting this evening Brother Lambert and Brother Robinson spoke.

Friday, Nov. 17

We ate dinner at Sister Pâques's today. This evening we went to Ougrée to visit Brother Guillaume Van Gestel, Brother Stegen and Brother Lambert, where we had supper.

Saturday, Nov. 18

We had lunch and dinner today in the office. In the afternoon we took a walk for a while. We went to Brother Goltz's for dinner. We found out that they weren't expecting us, but they made us stay there to eat.

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1899

This morning I left for Liège with Brother Goltz to be present at the German meeting. During the meeting, Brother Springer, Brother Strecker and Brother Goltz and I spoke. Then we returned to Seraing to Brother Goltz's, where we had dinner. In the meeting this afternoon, Brother Lee and Brother Lambert spoke. We had supper at Brother Goltz's and this evening went to Liège to attend the meeting there. During this meeting, Brother Nestor Niset and Brother Robinson and I spoke. After the meeting, we returned home.

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Monday, Nov. 20, 1899

We had dinner at Brother Goltz's at noon, but they were not expecting us. This evening we ate in the office.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

We went to Ougrée at noon, where we ate at Brother Lambert's. Then we went to Sister Stegen's and then to Brother Trillet's. We returned home, where we ate this evening.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

We had dinner at Sister Goltz's, which was prepared by Sister Wiart. This afternoon we left for Liège, where I had my hair cut and we had a bath. We ate at Sister Isenburg's this evening. At the meeting this evening, Brother Springer and Brother Lee spoke. The latter had a difficult time speaking in French. After the meeting, Brother Lee and I returned to Seraing.

Thursday, Nov. 23

We fasted until noon today. Brother Robinson came here before noon. At noon we had dinner at Sister Goltz's. This afternoon Brother Lee and Brother Robinson went out to distribute tracts. This evening, Brother Robinson went to Ougrée and Brother Lee and I ate at Brother Cammé's home. At the meeting this evening Brother Robinson and Brother Cammé spoke. The former did not want to speak but seemed to feel better afterwards. This morning I had a bad cold and headache. I did not feel well.

Friday, Nov. 24

We had dinner today at Sister Pâques's. This evening we ate at Brother Guillaume Van Gestel's. Then we visited Sister Lambert. This evening we went to Brother Cammé's home to practice some hymns in the new books.

Saturday, Nov. 25

This morning Brother Lee and I left for Jehay. We got off the train at Hermalle, and we walked from there to Jehay. The road was very pretty. There were two or three castles on the way which were very beautiful. At Jehay we visited Brother Darmont, where we ate, Sister Niset, Sister Chapelle and Sister Hause. Then we walked to Villers and stayed there at Brother Dieu's home. We had supper and then we went to bed.

Sunday, Nov. 26

We fasted until noon. Madame Dieu was sick today. At about eleven o'clock Brother Lee and I went to Brother Pirotte's home, where Sunday School was being held from 12:30 until 1:30. Then we returned to Brother Dieu's home, where we held a meeting. There were about seven strangers at the meeting and

perhaps twelve members. Brother Lee and I spoke. I was able to speak for almost ten minutes and I felt very good about it. After the meeting, we ate at Brother Dieu's and then we left for the station at Ampsin. Brother Dieu was very kind to us. It was a walk of about one hour to the station. We ate at Brother Goltz's again when we arrived here in Seraing.

Monday, Nov. 27

At noon I received a letter (a postcard) from my brother Lewis in Hamburg in which he said that he had arrived safely, without accident, and that he was assigned to work in Wiesbaden, near Frankfurt. We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

At about noon we started out for Ougrée, where we ate at Brother Lambert's. After that, we went to Sister Stegen's, and then to Brother Trillet's. From there, we returned home. Brother Robinson came here soon with a telegram saying that my brother Frank and his wife Mattie were in Rotterdam and would like to see me. We ate this evening in the office. Then we went to the meeting hall where Léon Lambert was waiting, who was to be baptized. We walked to the Meuse River, where Léon was baptized by Brother Robinson. Then Brother Robinson and I left for Liège, where I stayed tonight.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

I left Liège this morning for Rotterdam. The train was late, and so I missed the train from Brussels to Rotterdam. I had to wait for the next train, and I arrived in Rotterdam at about quarter after four in the afternoon. I went to the office, where I found Brother Farrell and Brother Roelofs. I ate with Brother Farrell and then we went to the station. There we found my brother Frank and his wife, who were about to leave for Germany. They were upset that I could not go with them. After they had left, we went for a walk - Brother Farrell, Brother Denkers, Brother Nibley and I. I visited two families this evening with Brother Nibley.

Thursday, Nov. 30

Today is Thanksgiving Day in America. My brother and his wife intend to have a dinner in Hannover for all their relatives in Germany. I had breakfast in the office. Brother Holbrook, Brother Meibos and I walked to the office of a company for steamboats going to London. Brother Holbrook decided to stay here until tomorrow. I ate with Brother Roelofs and Brother Denkers in the office. At the meeting this evening Brother Holbrook and I spoke. Then Brother Holbrook and Brother Nibley and I went to Brother De Brij's home where we had a "boterhaam." This brother and his family will leave for America soon.

Friday, Dec. 1

This morning a new missionary arrived. His name is Lillywhite. We had lunch in the office. I ate dinner with Brother Roelofs at Brother Honing's home. This afternoon Brother Holbrook and Brother Nibley and I went to the steamboat and Brother Holbrook embarked for London. We returned to the office.

Saturday, Dec. 2

This morning I left for Liège at nine o'clock. I arrived there at a quarter after three this afternoon. A new missionary from Germany arrived this afternoon. His name is Sperry Lawson. He intends to learn French here. This evening Brother Lee and I went to the office in Seraing.

Sunday, Dec. 3

This morning I left for Liège where I held a German testimony meeting. Brother Robinson and Brother Lawson were also present. We came to Seraing this afternoon, where we held another testimony meeting, this one in French. Brother Lee and I ate at Brother Goltz's this evening. The three of us left for Liège to attend the meeting. I felt very good about bearing my testimony three times today. After the meeting we came back home.

Monday, Dec. 4

We had visits from Sister Rentmeister and Brother Goltz and Brother Theodor Isenburg this morning. At about noon we had dinner at Brother Goltz's home, where we met Sister Isenburg and one of her daughters who is married. This afternoon we had a visit from Sister De Guée, who brought us something to eat. We had supper at Brother Goltz's.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

We got up this morning at five-thirty. We left for Liège and went to the Guilleminis station where we met Mr. C. M. Lewis and Doctor Woods, who are enroute to China via Paris, Germany, Palestine, Egypt and India. We ate lunch with them. They stayed here for about two and a half hours. Then Brother Lee and I went to the office and from there to the Longdoz station, where we left for Ougrée. We had dinner at Brother Lambert's. We visited Brother Trillet and then we returned home. We ate supper in the office and Brother Robinson came and ate with us. This evening we held priesthood meeting. There was a beautiful spirit among us.

Wednesday, Dec. 6, Saint Nicolas

At noon, we had lunch at Sister Goltz's, prepared by Sister Wiart. Today is Saint Nicolas here. It is the day of the year when the parents give their children gifts and presents. Sister Goltz gave us some oranges and nuts. This afternoon we went to Liège, where we ate at Sister Isenburg's. There were not many present at the meeting this evening. Those who spoke were Brother Springer, Brother Lawson and I. After the meeting we came back home.

Thursday, Dec. 7

This morning we fasted until noon. Then we ate at Brother Goltz's home. Yesterday Sister Stoffel sent over a cake each for Brother Lee and myself. This evening Brother Lee and I ate with Brother Cammé. Afterwards, we went to the meeting. But there were only five brothers at the meeting, and so we had an evening of singing.

Friday, Dec. 8

Yesterday Sister Micha gave Brother Lee and me a cake for St. Nicolas, and yesterday evening at Brother Cammé's we had cakes and nuts. Today it was very cold, and the ice froze on the water in the street. About noon we had dinner at Sister Pâques's, and in the evening we walked to Ougrée where we visited Sister Lambert and Sister Stegen. We returned to Célinie Bernard's home, where we ate. Then we went to Brother Cammé's, where we played a game.

Saturday, Dec. 9

We had breakfast and dinner at home. Then we took a walk in the upper quarter of the city. In the evening we ate at Brother Goltz's home.

Sunday, Dec. 10

At about ten o'clock this morning we started out for Ougrée where we visited the Sunday School at Brother Lambert's home. We ate dinner here and then returned home and from there went to the meeting. We ate supper at Brother Goltz's home. Then we left for Liège. We returned home after the meeting.

Monday, Dec. 11

Snow was falling this morning and it was cold. We ate dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

At about noon we left for Ougrée, where we had dinner at Brother Lambert's home. Then we visited Brother Guillaume Van Gestel and from there we went through a very pretty valley to Brother Trillet's house. From there we returned home.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

We had lunch at Sister Goltz's at noon, prepared by Sister Wiart. In the afternoon we went to Liège where I bought a hat and some postcards. At the meeting this evening Brother La Haut and Brother Robisson spoke.

Thursday, Dec. 14

Yesterday when I went to the office in Liège I found a letter from my sister-in-law, Mattie, in London, in which she tells me something completely astonishing about my brother William. He had arrived in London and he told Mattie and Frank that he would not go on his mission, but that he had written to his wife Ada to obtain a divorce, because he intended to marry a woman that he had met on the steamboat. After Frank had spoken to him for six hours, he consented to do his duty. I also received a telegram yesterday from Frank which said, "William started Brussels yesterday, expecting reach Rotterdam tomorrow."

We ate at Sister Goltz's at noon. In the evening Brother Robinson and Brother Lawson came here and Brother Lee and Brother Lawson went to Brother Cammé's, while Brother Robinson and I ate in the office. We didn't have a meeting this evening, but instead had a singing meeting because there were so few members present.

Friday, Dec. 15

We ate at Sister Pâques's at noon, and this evening we went to Ougrée where we visited Brother Stegen and Brother Lambert. We ate at the home of the latter.

Saturday, Dec. 16

This morning we left for Amay by train, from which place we walked to Jehay, where we ate at Sister Niset's. Then we visited Sister Chappelle and Brother and Sister Hause, and then we went to Villers, a walk of about one hour. In this place we stayed at Brother Dieu's.

Sunday, Dec. 17

This morning we went to Brother Pirotte's home, where we ate. Then we went with his children to Jehay where Brother Lee was holding a meeting (Sunday School) at Sister Niset's home. From here we went to Brother Hause's where we held a meeting in which Brother Lee, Brother Pirotte and I spoke. We ate here and walked to Amay with two sons of Brother Hause, where we took the train for Seraing. Here we ate with Brother Goltz, and then we left for Liège. In the meeting, Brother Lee and Brother Robinson spoke.

Monday, Dec. 18

We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's today.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

We went to Ougrée at about noon where we ate dinner at Brother Lambert's. Then we visited Sister Stegen and Brother and Sister Trillet. Then we came back home. In the evening we ate in the office.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

We had dinner at Brother Goltz's at noon. Soon after noon, we left for Liège where I had my picture taken, and I bought several things. We ate this evening at Brother and Sister Isenburg's. In the meeting this evening Brother Robinson and I spoke. After the meeting, Brother Lawson, Brother Robinson, Brother Lee and I practiced a hymn which we intend to sing at the Christmas celebration. Brother Lee and I went to Sister De Guée's, where we stayed to-night.

Thursday, Dec. 21

I forgot to speak of a letter that Brother Robinson received from President Farrell yesterday in which he said that my brother William would be in Liège Friday. This morning we returned to the office in Liège where we stayed until noon. Then we came back home and then went to Brother Goltz's for dinner. This afternoon we visited Sister Micha and Sister Wauson. This evening we ate supper at Brother Cammu's.

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Friday, Dec. 22

We had dinner at Sister Pâques's today and I then went to Liège. My brother wasn't in the office. I ate at Sister Robisson's and then I came back to Brother Lambert's in Ougrée. Brother Lee came and we visited Sister Stegen for a while and then returned to the Lambert's, where we had supper. This evening we placed our hands on Maria Monseur to heal her illness.

Saturday, Dec. 23

We ate lunch and dinner in the office today. This afternoon Brother Lee left for Liège. I ate at Brother Goltz's this evening. Brother Lee came back at about eleven o'clock.

Sunday, Dec. 24

This morning I left for Liège where I met my brother William, who had arrived early this morning. He felt rather well, although he was weary. We stayed in the office for a while and then we took a walk in the city to look for a furnished room. We had a small dinner at Brother and Sister Robisson's, then we left for Seraing where we attended the meeting which I was holding. After the meeting my brother returned to Liège with Brother Robinson, and I went to Brother Goltz's, where I ate. In the evening I went to Liège and spoke in the meeting. Brother Lee went to Jehay this morning and returned about eleven-thirty this evening.

Monday, Dec. 25

Today is Christmas Day. This morning I went to the meeting hall to help Brother Lee prepare it for the Christmas merrymaking. At about noon Brother Lawson and Brother Springer came to Brother Goltz's, where we had dinner. At two o'clock we had a celebration which consisted of songs, recitations, etc., and they also gave oranges to everyone. After this affair, Brother Lee and I ate at Brother Goltz's and then his wife and he accompanied us to Liège to attend the celebration there. Brother Robinson, Brother Lee, Brother Lawson and I sang a quartet this afternoon and this evening, and Brother Lee, Sister Stegen and I sang a trio this afternoon. Today I received a letter from my sister ~~Emilie~~ in which was \$2.00 "to buy me a Christmas dinner." Lew and Mamie sent me two ties, and I also received a box of sugar candy ("chic") from ~~Emilie~~.

Tuesday, Dec. 26

At about noon we ate at Brother Lambert's in Ougrée. Then we visited Sister Stegen. In the evening we ate at home.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

At noon we ate at Sister Goltz's and then we left for Liège, where we bought some New Year's cards. We had supper at Brother and Sister Isenburg's home. After the meeting, Brother Lee and I returned home.

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Thursday, Dec. 28

We fasted this morning until noon. Then we ate at Brother Goltz's home. This afternoon we visited Sister Wauson, Sister Micha and Célinie Bernard. This evening we had supper at Brother Camus's home. After supper he gave Brother Lee his resignation as a member of the Church. He says that he could not learn certain principles and commandments in the Gospel because he was not told about them. We offered to try to show them to him. He had arguments against polygamy and tithing, and he asserted his arguments, which weren't so great.

Friday, Dec. 29

At noon we had dinner at Sister Goltz's, since Sister Pâques's son has come home from the army for a few days. She wanted us to come to her home twice next week. Then we walked on the top of Lize-Seraing to visit Emilie Wiart, but she wasn't home. Then we left for Ougrée where we visited Brother and Sister Trillet, Brother and Sister Van Gestel, Brother and Sister Stegen, and Brother and Sister Lambert, and we ate at the home of the latter.

Saturday, Dec. 30

About noon Brother Robinson came to our house on his way to Jehay. He had dinner with us in the office, and he told Brother Lee that he would be the President of the Conference after Brother Robinson. This afternoon we cleaned the hall and then we visited Sister Wiart and Célinie Bernard. We ate with Brother Goltz this evening.

Sunday, Dec. 31

This morning I got up at about eight o'clock and left for Liège, where we had a German meeting. Brother Springer and Brother Lawson and I spoke. Then my brother William and I went for a walk and I ordered my photographs. Then I left for Seraing, and at the meeting Brother Lee and I spoke. After the meeting we had supper at Brother Goltz's. Then we went to Liège to the meeting there.

Monday, Jan. 1, 1900

Today is New Year's Day. It is the custom here to visit friends and also for children to knock on the door and ask for money for a happy new year. This morning a boy came and knocked on our door. I opened it, and he said, "I wish you a happy new year for twenty centimes. I said, "He doesn't live here," and shut the door. At noon we ate at Brother Goltz's. This afternoon we visited Br. Camus and spoke with him. Then Brother Lee left for Liège to stay there, and Brother Springer came here to stay. We ate this evening at Brother Goltz's.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

I prepared breakfast this morning. At noon Brother Springer and I went to Ougrée where we had dinner at Brother Lambert's home. Then we visited Sister Trillet. This evening Brother Lee came to our house and the three of us ate in the office. Then we went to the priesthood meeting. Everyone who holds the priesthood was there, except Brother Goltz, who had to work.

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Wednesday, Jan. 3

I prepared breakfast this morning. At noon we ate at Sister Goltz's. In the afternoon we left for Liège. We had supper at Sister Isenburg's home. In the meeting this evening Brother Robinson and I spoke. There were not many present.

Thursday, Jan. 4

We fasted until noon. Then we ate at Sister Pâques's home. Then we visited Sister Wauson and Sister Micha, where Sister Raquet was. This evening we had supper at Brother and Sister Camus's home. After supper Brother Camus played a few games.

Friday, Jan. 5

About noon we had dinner at Brother Goltz's. This afternoon we went to Ougrée where we visited Brother and Sister Van Gestel, Sister Stegen and Brother and Sister Lambert, and we ate with the latter.

Saturday, Jan. 6

We had breakfast and dinner at home today and supper at Brother Goltz's.

Sunday, Jan. 7

This morning Brother Springer left for Liège where he was holding the German fast meeting. I went to Ougrée where I held Sunday School alone, by myself, and it was by the power and blessings of God that I was able to teach it. Then I came back to the office where I stayed until two o'clock. Then I went to the meeting hall where I was holding the fast meeting. I felt a very good spirit. After the meeting I accompanied Sister De Guée and Brother Lawson and Brother Robinson to Liège and I ate at Sister De Guée's home. At the meeting this evening Brother Lee and my brother William were also present. There was a good spirit present. After the meeting Brother Springer and I returned to Seraing.

Monday, Jan. 8

At about noon Brother Springer and I ate at Brother Goltz's home. This afternoon Brother Robinson and Brother Lee came to our house and then they went to pay visits to members and friends. We had supper at Brother Goltz's, as well as Brother Robinson, too. Then I went with Brother Robinson to visit Sister Davin, who was sick, Monsieur Wiart, who was very kind, and Brother and Sister Camus, the former being sick. Then Brother Robinson left for Liège.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

At noon we had dinner at Brother Lambert's home in Ougrée. Then we visited Brother Trillet. This evening we ate in the office.

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Wednesday, Jan. 10

After dinner at Brother Goltz's, prepared by Sister Wiart, we left for Liège, where we bought a few things. We had supper at Sister Isenburg's. In the meeting this evening Brother Robinson and Brother Lee spoke.

Thursday, Jan. 11, 1900

Today is the day of my father's birth. He was born on January 11, 1827, and so he is 73 years old. We had dinner at Brother Goltz's home. This afternoon we visited Sister Wauson and Sister Micha, and at the home of the latter I had a conversation with a woman. This evening we ate at Brother Camus's, who very unfortunately had a toothache. After supper we spoke with him about different principles of our religion.

Friday, Jan. 12

This afternoon we ate at Sister Pâques's and then we went to Ougrée, where we visited Sister Van Gestel, Sister Stegen, and Sister Lambert, and we ate there. Then we left for Liège and I stayed with my brother William, who has a very pretty room for himself for which he is paying thirty francs a month.

Saturday, Jan. 13

This morning we got up very early and went to the Guilleminis station from whence Brother Robinson and Sister Bertha Stoffel left for Rotterdam on their way to America. When they were saying their goodbyes, they kissed the others, first on one cheek and then on the other, which is the custom here. I came back to my brother's home, where we had a little breakfast. Then we went to the office, and at about ten o'clock Brother Springer and I left Liège. At Ougrée I got off and went to the Trillet home, because I had been told that she was very ill. I laid my hands on her head, without the oil. She had paralysis of the head. Brother Springer left for Jehay at noon. In the evening I ate at Sister Goltz's.

Sunday, Jan. 14

This morning I went to Ougrée where I held Sunday School at Brother Lambert's home. Brother Lee also was present. Then we came back to Seraing. About two o'clock we went to the hall where we lit the fire. In the meeting this afternoon Brother Lee and I spoke, and I was blessed with the Spirit in such a way that I was able to speak for perhaps twenty-five minutes in French. I had supper at Brother Goltz's. Brother Springer came back and we went to Liège. We had a good meeting there. Brother Lee and Brother La Haut spoke.

Monday, Jan. 15

It is very cold today. Brother Lee came about ten o'clock. The two of us went to the police department where he changed his address, and I obtained mine. But it was necessary to leave my passport with the police. We had dinner at Sister Goltz's home.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

At about noon we had dinner at the Lambert's, in Ougrée. Then we visited Brother and Sister Trillet and found that Sister Trillet was doing a little better. This evening we ate in the office.

Wednesday, Jan. 17

At noon we went to Sister Goltz's to eat dinner, prepared by Sister Wiart, but she wasn't at the house, and Joseph told us that Sister Wiart would send the dinner to our house. But it did not come, so we bought our dinner. In the afternoon we left for Liège. We had supper at Sister Isenburg's. My brother William ate there, too. In the meeting this evening Brother Springer and Brother Lee spoke.

Thursday, Jan. 18

We fasted today until noon. Then Sister Goltz's sister brought us dinner because Sister Elisa was not at home. In the afternoon we visited Sister Micha and Sister Wauson, and at the home of the latter we found out that her little boy Gaston had had his leg broken by the train, which had thrown him almost ten meters. This evening we visited Brother Camus and ate at his home. He was feeling better this evening.

Friday, Jan. 19

At about two o'clock we ate at Sister Pâques's home. Then we visited Célinie Bernard, and then Brother and Sister Trillet; she was a little better; Brother and Sister Van Gestel, Brother and Sister Stegen, and Brother and Sister Lambert, and we ate here. This evening Brother Pirotte and Nestor Niset came to Brother Lambert's home and we practiced some hymns.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Brother Lee visited us this morning on his way to Jehay. We had dinner in the office, and supper at the Goltz's.

Sunday, Jan. 21

This morning Brother Springer left for Liège to hold the German meeting, and I went to Ougrée, where I held Sunday School. I had dinner at Brother Lambert's home, and then came back to the office. In the meeting this afternoon, Brother Lambert and Brother Springer and I spoke. We had dinner at Brother Goltz's. This evening Brother Springer and Brother Goltz and I went to the meeting in Liège. Brother Lee and Brother Robisson and I spoke. My brother William was not feeling well. He had a pain in his side. He had received a letter from Ada in which she said that our father was not doing so well, that he was feeling worse than in New York.

Monday, Jan. 22

At noon we had dinner at Brother Goltz's. This afternoon Brother Lee came over and he and I distributed tracts. Then we visited Célinie Bernard and Brother Springer and I went then to Sister Wiart's home, where we had supper. This evening the three of us visited Brother and Sister Camus. Brother Pirotte and Brother and Sister Lambert were also there. We sang hymns during the evening.

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Tuesday, Jan. 23

We had dinner at Brother Lambert's home in Ougrée. Then we visited Brother and Sister Trillet. We ate in the office this evening.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

At noon we went to Sister Wiart's, where we ate. This afternoon we left for Liège. We visited Brother and Sister Strecker and had supper with them. Then we went to Sister Isenburg's. In the meeting this evening Brother Lahaut, Brother Lawson and Brother Lee spoke. Tonight I stayed with my brother in the room which he has rented.

Thursday, Jan. 25

This morning I bought my breakfast and ate it in the office. At noon I came back to Seraing. This afternoon Brother Springer and I visited Sister Micha and Sister Wauson. I gave an English lesson to Raymonde Wiart in the office. This evening we had supper at Brother Camus's.

Friday, Jan. 26

We had breakfast and dinner in the office today. This was prepared by Sister Pâques. This afternoon we visited Brother and Sister Van Gestel, the Stegen's and the Lambert's, and we ate at the home of the latter. Then we left for Liège and went to the theater with Brother Lee. There were two plays, "Mme. de Lavalette," a drama from the time of Louis XVIII, and "Monsieur le Directeur," a comedy from the present. Both of them were very interesting, but the latter showed the laxness of French morality. We stayed in Liège tonight.

Saturday, Jan. 27

This morning we came back to Seraing and left shortly for Jehay, where we visited Sister Chappelle and ate at her home; also, Sister Hause and Sister Niset. The latter has begun to go to the Catholic mass. Then we went to Villers and stayed with Brother Dieu.

Sunday, Jan. 28

At about eleven o'clock we visited Brother Pirotte and then we walked to Jehay. There we had Sunday School and the meeting at Brother Hause's home. Brother Nestor Niset held the former meeting and Brother Springer held the latter. Brother Niset and I spoke in the meeting. We went to Amay and took the train for Seraing, where we ate at Brother Goltz's. Then we went to Liège. At the meeting this evening Brother Lee and I spoke.

Monday, Jan. 29

This morning there was snow on the ground. At noon we had dinner at Brother Goltz's. In the evening we also ate at Brother Goltz's.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

At noon we had dinner in Ougrée at Brother Lambert's. Then we visited Sister Stegen and Brother and Sister Trillet. This evening we had supper at home.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

At noon we ate at Sister Wiart's. This afternoon Brother Lee came over. Then we left for Liège. This evening we ate at Sister Isenburg's. Then, in the meeting, Brother Springer and Brother Lee spoke.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 1900

We fasted until one o'clock today and then we had dinner at Brother Goltz's. This afternoon we visited Sister Micha and Sister Wauson. Then Raymonde Wiart came to our house to have another English lesson from me. This evening we ate at Brother Camus's home.

Friday, Feb. 2

This morning we went to Val St. Lambert, where there was a hole in the ground caused by a cave-in of an old mine. The hole was covered by a wooden framework. Sister Pâques was sick and she also sent us dinner. This afternoon we visited Brother and Sister Van Gestel and ate at their home, Brother and Sister Stegen and Brother and Sister Lambert, and we also ate at their home. This evening Brother Pirotte and Brother Niset came there, too, and we sang some hymns.

Saturday, Feb. 3

At noon Brother Lee came over, and we ate in the office. In the evening we ate at Sister Goltz's. Later on, Brother Springer left for Liège, where he stayed tonight.

Sunday, Feb. 4

This morning I went to Ougrée, where I held Sunday School. Then I came back to the office, and then I went to the meeting in Léopold Street. It was a fast and testimony meeting. There was a good spirit among us. After dinner at Brother Goltz's we went to Liège, where we were present at the testimony meeting. During the meeting I spoke for some time and felt a very good Spirit. There were eight present who were not members of the Church. Sister Robisson was sick this evening.

Monday, Feb. 5

We ate dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's today. This afternoon Brother Springer and I distributed brochures (tracts).

Tuesday, Feb. 6

We paid our usual visit to Ougrée at about noon today. After dinner at Brother Lambert's home, we visited Brother Trillet. This evening Brother Strecker came to our house. We ate at Brother Goltz's and then left for the priesthood meeting. All of the priesthood holders from this conference were present. We had a good meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

At noon, we had dinner at Sister Wiart's. In the afternoon, we left for Liège, where we ate at Brother Strecker's. In the meeting this evening, William, Brother Lawson and Brother Lee spoke.

Thursday, Feb. 8

After dinner at Brother Goltz's we visited Sister Micha and Célinie Bernard today. This evening, along with Brother Goltz, we paid a visit to Sister Pleiger, Sister Goltz's mother. We were so late that we didn't want to go to Brother Camus's home. This is why we ate at Brother Goltz's.

Friday, Feb. 9

We had breakfast and dinner in the office. At four o'clock we left for Ougrée, where we visited Brother and Sister Van Gestel, Sister Stegen, and Brother and Sister Lambert. In the evening, Brother Pirotte and Brother Niset came and we all sang a few hymns. Brother Jules Hause came and said that Maria Monseur wanted us to come to her home to lay our hands upon her because she had become sicker. We went and Brother Springer annointed with olive oil and I sealed the annointing.

Saturday, Feb. 10

At about noon I left for Jehay. I got off at Haute-Flône and walked to Jehay. I visited Brother Darmont's and ate there, but he was not at home. Then I visited Sister Niset; Marie and Eugène Niset were also there, and Sister Chappelle and Brother and Sister Hause. Then I walked to Villers and stayed at Brother Dieu's.

Sunday, Feb. 11

I didn't sleep much during the night because it was so cold, and the bed was so cold, too. This morning I walked to Brother Pirotte's home and ate with him. Then I went to Jehay to Brother Hause's home, where I held Sunday School and the meeting. Then I ate and walked to Amay where I caught the train. At Seraing, I ate at Brother Goltz's, and then Brother Springer, Brother Lahaut and I went to Liège. In the meeting this evening Brother Lee, Brother Springer and I spoke.

Monday, Feb. 12

We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's today. This afternoon we distributed brochures. Then we visited Célinie Bernard.

Tuesday, Feb. 13

We made our usual visit to Ougrée today, had dinner at Brother Lambert's and then visited Sister Stegen, Brother and Sister Trillet and Sister Pâques. This evening we had supper in the office.

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Wednesday, Feb. 14

At noon we went to Sister Wiart's, where we had dinner. This afternoon we left for Liège. We ate there this evening at Sister Isenburg's. In the meeting this evening Brother La haut and I spoke.

Thursday, Feb. 15

We had dinner at Sister Goltz's and then we visited Sister Micha with Brother Lee, who had come. Sister Wauson was not at home. Then Brother Lee and Brother Springer went to Sister Pâques's house, and I went to the photographer to pick up my Kodak photographs, which were not finished. This evening we had supper at Brother Camus's home. He was still a little sick.

Friday, Feb. 16

After dinner in the office we went to Ougrée where we paid visits to Brother Van Gestel, Sister Sfeigen and Brother Lambert, and we had supper with the latter.

Saturday, Feb. 17

In the morning I went into the city to pick up my photographs. A little past noon Brother Springer left for Jehay. After supper this evening at Brother Goltz's I left for Liège where I stayed the night with Brother Lawson. Brother Lee stayed with my brother.

Sunday, Feb. 18

I held the German meeting this morning. There were nine present. Brother Goltz, Brother Lawson and I spoke. There was a good spirit among us. Brother Lawson and I went with Sister Goltz and Sister De Guée to the home of the former, where we ate. The meeting this afternoon was the biggest meeting we have had for a long time. Brother Lee and Brother Lambert spoke. After supper at Brother Goltz's home, Brother Springer, who had returned, and I left for Liège. In the meeting this evening Brother Lambert and I spoke. Brother Lawson played the harmonium (organ) which has been rented by some missionaries.

Monday, Feb. 19

At about noon we had dinner at Brother Goltz's home. This afternoon we visited Célinie Bernard. In the evening we had supper at the Goltz's.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

At noon we paid our usual visit to Ougrée. In the afternoon we visited Brother and Sister Trillet. In the evening we ate at home.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

We dined at noon at Sister Wiart's. Afterwards, we distributed brochures, and then we left for Liège. We were at Sister Isenburg's for supper. In the meeting Brother Lee and Brother Lawson spoke.

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Thursday, Feb. 22

After dinner at Sister Goltz's today we visited Sister Micha. I gave an English lesson to Raymonde Wiart. In the evening we went to Brother Camus's home to eat.

Friday, Feb. 23

We had breakfast and dinner in the office. In the evening we went to Ougrée where we visited Brother and Sister Van Gestel and Brother and Sister Lambert and ate at the home of the latter. We stayed there during the evening to sing hymns.

Saturday, Feb. 24

We had lunch and dinner in the office. In the evening we ate at Brother Goltz's.

Sunday, Feb. 25

This morning Brother Springer and I walked to Ougrée where we held Sunday School at Brother Lambert's home. Then we ate there and afterwards returned home. In the meeting this afternoon Brother Springer and I spoke. Then we went with Brother Goltz to his home and we spoke with some strangers, relatives of Sister Goltz. In the evening we traveled to Liège. Brother Lee and I spoke in the meeting. After the meeting Brother Lee and Brother Springer and I went into the city to see the Carnaval. There were many people in the streets; most of them, however, were not wearing masks. They were throwing a lot of confetti, little pieces of paper of different colors, and serpentine, ribbons of colored paper. The streets were all covered with confetti. We stayed in Liège tonight.

Monday, Feb. 26

This morning we had breakfast with Brother and Sister Robisson in the office. About noon, we left for Seraing. We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's. Yesterday and today I have had a head cold and aches all over my body. I drank hot water and went to bed with lots of covers.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

At noon we went to Ougrée and after dinner at Brother Lambert's home we visited Sister Stegen and Sister and Brother Trillet. In the evening we left for Liège, where we stayed tonight. Brother Lee, Brother Lawson, Brother Springer and I went for a walk in the city. Today is Mardi Gras, one of the biggest days of the Carnaval. There weren't many masks this evening, but the crowds of people were immense, and they were provided with confetti, serpentine, cologne and other things for amusement and for teasing others.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

We fasted today until one o'clock. Then we ate at Brother and Sister Strecker's home. In the evening we ate at Sister Isenburg's home. In the meeting this evening Brother Lahaut and Brother Springer spoke. After the meeting we returned to Seraing.

Thursday, March 1, 1900

This morning I received a letter from my father in which he says that he hasn't received any letters from William nor from his wife, either. But he had read a letter from William to Read which had caused him much sorrow because of his actions and feelings.

Brother Goltz wanted me to accompany him to see the director-general of the Société Cockerill this morning. We went and presented a letter that Sister Goltz had written. We were admitted to see the director, who spoke German, Mr. Greiner, and who sent him back to the director of the mine. At noon we ate at Brother Goltz's. Afterwards, I went to the station, where I met Brother Lee and we went to pay the rent for the meeting hall. From there, we visited Sister Wauson and Sister Micha. Brother Lee returned to Liège. In the evening we had supper at Brother Camus's.

Friday, March 2

We had breakfast here and then went to Sister Wiart's, as she had invited us to dinner there. Afterwards, I gave Raymonde an English lesson. Later we went to Ougrée, where we paid visits to Brother and Sister Van Gestel, Sister Stegen, and Brother and Sister Lambert. We ate there and stayed during the evening to practice hymns.

Saturday, March 3

This morning before noon I left for Jehay by way of Haute-Flône. From Haute-Flône I walked to Jehay, and it was a good walk. I ate at Brother Darmont's home, but he wasn't there. Afterwards, I visited Sister Niset, Sister Chappelle, and Brother and Sister Hause. Then I walked to Villers-le-Bouillet, where I stayed during the night at Brother Dieu's home. He hadn't returned from his work this evening. I spoke with his wife about the principles of the Gospel.

Sunday, March 4

This morning there was a strong wind and it was colder. Brother Dieu returned this morning from Seraing. I visited Brother Pirotte and from there walked to Jehay to Sister Niset's home. I took Hubert Niset to Sunday School at the Hause home, and I held the school. There were not many present. This afternoon we had a fast and testimony meeting. There were not many members who bore their testimonies. Afterwards, I ate a "tartine" (slice of bread) and butter, with "kneipp" coffee, and then left for Seraing. I had a bad headache, caused, I believe, principally by the wind. I had supper at Brother Goltz's, and stayed there during the evening.

Monday, March 5

We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's today. This afternoon we visited Célinie Bernard, who was a little unwell.

Tuesday, March 6

We made our usual visit to Ougrée today, eating dinner at Brother Lambert's home and afterwards visiting Brother and Sister Trillet, and Sister Pâques. The latter was also unwell, with a bad cold and headache. She told us that she had been told that Sister Micha visited the Spiritualists often and that Sister Raquet had also visited them. This evening we ate at home.

Wednesday, March 7

We fasted until noon, when we had dinner at Sister Wiart's. Then we distributed brochures. It seemed that almost everyone to whom we gave tracts thought they were something amusing. This afternoon we left for Liège. We had supper at Sister Isenburg's. At the meeting, Brother Lawson, Brother Lee, my brother William and I spoke. Brother Lee translated what my brother said. When we went to the station this evening we met a young American with whom we spoke the evening of Mardi Gras at the Carnaval. His name is Alfred B. Gunthel and he is from Brooklyn, N.Y. He is working now in the glassworks at Val St. Lambert. I spoke with him during our trip to Seraing.

Thursday, March 8

At noon we had dinner at Sister Goltz's. Afterwards, we visited Sister Micha, who is sick with the flu, and Sister Wauson, but she was not at home. We spoke with her husband. Later on, Raymonde Wiart came over and I gave her an English lesson. This evening we had supper at Brother Camus's home.

Friday, March 9

We had lunch and dinner in the office. This afternoon we visited at Célinie Bernard's home and then we left for Ougrée where we visited Sister Stegen and Brother and Sister Lambert. We ate with them and stayed during the evening to sing hymns.

Saturday, March 10

At just about noon, Brother Springer left for Jehay. I dined in the office today. This afternoon Raymonde Wiart visited me and I gave her an English lesson. She brought us some food from Sister Pâques - some bread, some butter, etc. In the evening I ate at Brother Goltz's home.

Sunday, March 11

I walked to Ougrée this morning, where I held Sunday School. Brother Lee and Brother Lambert were also present. Afterwards, we had dinner and Brother Lee and I returned to the office. Later on, we went to the meeting hall. There were a few members from Liège in the meeting and almost the same number from Seraing. Brother Lee and I spoke. I left for Liège with the other missionaries, and Brother Lee and I ate supper at Brother Strecker's home. Sister Strecker had the flu, which she has been suffering from for two weeks. In the meeting this evening Brother Lee and I spoke. Afterwards, we took a walk in the city, and I stayed in Liège tonight. Brother Springer did not come to Liège.

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Monday, March 12

We had lunch this morning with Brother and Sister Robisson in the office. Then the three of us, Brother Lee and Brother Lawson and I, walked into the city, took an electric train to go to the Observatory and the Parc de Conite. Upon arriving there we visited the Observatory and asked to see the instruments. I believe that the director was a little surprised, but he consented to show us the apparatus, which he did very well. There was a refraction telescope, chronographs, pendulums, seismographs, theodolites, and meteorological instruments - several meters, meters for the speed of the wind and for pressure also, which record these weather conditions. We had a beautiful view of Liège and of the valley of the Meuse from there. Then the director showed us through his apartments and his library, which was very handsomely arranged and furnished. Then we took a short walk in the park and afterwards walked to Liège, where I took a train for Seraing. I had dinner at Sister Goltz's, and supper as well.

Tuesday, March 13

At about noon we walked to Ougrée and dined with Brother Lambert. From there we visited Sister Stegen and Brother and Sister Trillet. In the evening we visited Sister Rentmeister, who had invited us over, and we had supper there. She is a very good sister. She has six children, the oldest being ten. In her actions and her bearing she resembles my sister Mamie a little.

Wednesday, Marcy 14

We fasted today until noon. Then we had dinner at Sister Wiart's home. Then we went to the meeting hall, which we cleaned and swept. Then we visited the owner of the hall and asked about certain repairs that he (on his wife) promised would be done. We came home then, and later left for Liège. After baths, we ate at Sister Isenburg's. At the meeting in the evening Brother Lawson and Brother Lee spoke. After the meeting Brother Springer and I returned to Seraing.

Thursday, March 15

At about noon we ate at Sister Goltz's. Afterward, we visited Sister Micha, whom we found to be converted to the principles of Spiritualism. She refused to accept the Bible as the authority of the Gospel and put all her faith in a Spiritualist book. She has never been strong in the Church. Then we visited Sister Wauson. In the evening we had supper at Brother Camus's.

Friday, March 16

We had breakfast and dinner at home and in the afternoon we made visits to Célinie Bernard and later to Ougrée to see Brother Van Gestel, Sister Stegen and Brother Lambert. At the home of the latter we had supper and stayed to practice hymns during the evening.

Saturday, March 17

In the morning and at noon we ate in the office. In the evening we ate at Brother Goltz's home.

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Sunday, March 18

This morning I went to Ougrée, where I held Sunday School. Afterwards, I ate at Brother Lambert's. From there I went to the meeting hall. This afternoon there were only members of the Church present, and a few children. Brother Lawson, Brother Springer and I spoke. We had dinner at Brother Goltz's and then we went to Liège. This evening Brother Lee and I spoke.

Monday, March 19

At noon and in the evening we ate at the Goltz home. This afternoon we distributed brochures. It is discouraging to see how the people accept these tracts, because they are not very serious. They don't have the desire to investigate the Gospel.

Tuesday, March 20

At noon we walked to Ougrée, where we had dinner at Brother Lambert's. Sister Camus was there also, having brought dinner for her husband. Then we spoke with Sister Camus and Sister Lambert and they began to criticize the missionaries, above all Brother Van de Graaff and Brother Robinson. I believe that these sisters are doing better in the Gospel now than a few months ago, but it is not a good thing, and it doesn't show the spirit of the Gospel to find fault with the missionaries, even if they are weak and have faults, because everyone has his shortcomings, and the missionaries are the messengers sent by the servants of God.

We visited Sister Stegen again, and Brother and Sister Trillet. The latter was in bad condition. She has been sick for a long time with palsy - her head was still shaking. Today it was even worse - she had to hold (support) her head with her hand all the time. She was greatly discouraged by this condition. In the evening we ate at home.

Wednesday, March 21

At noon we ate at Sister Wiart's. Later on, we left for Liège. We had supper at Sister Isenburg's home. In the meeting, Brother Springer, Br. Robisson and Brother Lee spoke.

Thursday, March 22

Yesterday was the first day of spring. Today it was so beautiful. At about noon we dined at Sister Goltz's. Then we visited Sister Micha and spoke with her. We had heard that the Spiritualists had paid her some money. Sister Raquet was there too, and she thinks a little like Sister Micha does. We also paid a visit to Sister Wauson and to Célinie Bernard. In the evening we had supper at Brother Camus's home. Today Sister Davin sent us some things to eat.

Friday, March 23

Today I prepared for my trip to Rotterdam. After dinner in the office we made our usual visit to Ougrée, visiting Brother and Sister Van Gestel, Sister Stegen, and Brother and Sister Lambert. In the evening we came back home and then I left for Liège, where I stayed tonight.

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Saturday, March 24

I arose this morning at about five-thirty and after a little breakfast I went out to go to the Guilleminis station. The train left at 6:50 for Brussels, arriving there at 8:50. At 9:20 I took a train from the same station for Rotterdam, arriving there at 12:30 (noon). I walked to the office, 120 Isaäk Hubertstraat, and there found Brother Rollofs, Brother Nibley, Brother Hickenlooper, Brother Whitney and Brother Platt. The latter has recently arrived and Brother Whitney has only been here for six weeks. Brother Roelofs, Brother Meibos, Brother Platt and I had dinner at Brother Van de Weel's home. Later on, I went with Brother Nibley to distribute invitations to conference and to arrange with the members for places to sleep for the visiting members. In the evening Brother Nibley, Brother Whitney, Brother Platt and I went to a concert in a cafe where there was an orchestra of young German girls. There was good music and I enjoyed it very much. To enter it was necessary to buy something to drink or eat, and we had lemonade and ginger ale. Then Brother Whitney and I went to Sister Van der Waal's home to sleep. This sister is not yet in the Church, although her two daughters are, but they are all so good to the missionaries. They had prepared a "boterhaam" for us.

Sunday, March 25

We got up late this morning and we only had enough time to dress and go to the office and from there to the meeting hall. There was a large hall for the conference this morning and I believe that there were perhaps six or seven hundred people present. There were twenty-one missionaries. Brother Roelofs, Brother Denkers and Brother Hinckley spoke this morning, and above all, the latter spoke very well. After the meeting, some of us went back to the office and stayed there until two-thirty. Then Brother Whitney and I went to Sister Gerritse's for dinner. She also has two daughters who are in the Church, and they are very good and charming. Brother Whitney could not speak much Dutch, and I could speak more than he. In the evening we left for the hall in another part of the city, which was more beautiful than the one this morning. Again, the hall was filled with members and strangers. Those who spoke were Brother Cammeijer, B. G. Thatcher, Sister Thatcher, and Brother Farrell, who have all almost finished their missions. There was a very good spirit there and I enjoyed the talks very much, which I could understand almost completely. Afterwards, Brother Whitney and I went to Sister Van der Waal's home to stay. There we found Brother Weiler and Brother Eardley who had come to eat a "boterhaam."

Monday, March 26

We got up late again this morning because we went to bed so late last night. We walked directly to the meeting hall after breakfast at Sister Van der Waal's. The priesthood meeting began at about 10:30 and continued for almost six hours. There was a holy influence and a very good spirit present, and everyone felt this spirit. Each person expressed his feelings and gave a short report on his labors for the past six months. Some felt so happy and so filled with the spirit that they wept. Brother Farrell, above all, was filled with love for the missionaries and he could hardly speak because of his emotions. He said that they were having great difficulties in promoting the conferences in Liège

and Brussels and that we needed to exercise our faith and prayers in their behalf. During the meeting, Brother Roelofs presented President Farrell a beautiful cane inlaid in silver on behalf of the missionaries in this, the Netherlands-Belgium mission. After the meeting, Brother Thatcher invited Brother Whitney and me to dinner, and we had an excellent meal. Brother and Sister Thatcher have a room for themselves separate from the office. Then Brother Whitney and I took a walk in the city and again visited the cafe where we had been on Saturday night, and there we found Brother Nibley, Brother Weiler, Brother Taylor, Brother Crezee and Brother Platt. After the concert, we went over to Sister Van der Waal's, and after a tasty "boterhaam" we went to bed.

Tuesday, March 27

I would have liked to return to Liège this morning, but Brother Farrell had asked me to stay until this afternoon so that he could speak with me. After breakfast this morning, we went to the office. We were quite late, but when we arrived, the missionaries there hadn't even finished their breakfast yet, and it was almost eleven o'clock. Brother Farrell spoke to me about the conditions in Liège and encouraged me, as well as the others, to continue to place our trust and faith in God and all would be well, whether there were many converts or few. I had dinner in the office and then left for the station, accompanied by President Farrell, who has been very good to me. On the way, we met Brother Roelofs and Brother Springer, the brother of Brother Springer who is with me, and he accompanied us to the station. The train left at 3:28 and it was a five and a half hour trip to Liège. I stayed in Liège tonight and told Brother Lee about the conference, and he, too, was greatly encouraged.

Wednesday, March 28

We fasted this morning. During the late morning we bathed. At about twelve, the three of us left for St. Nicolas, visiting Sister Leonard on the way. We also visited Sister Bearna, Sister Stoffel, where we ate, and Madame La haut, Brother La haut's wife. Then we came back to the office and this evening Brother Springer and I had supper at Sister Isenburg's. In the meeting this evening, Brother Lee and I spoke. After the meeting, Brother Springer and I went to Seraing.

Thursday, March 29

At about noon we had dinner at Brother Goltz's. Then we visited Sister Micha, who still accepts spiritualism. From there, we visited Sister Wauson. This evening we had supper at Brother Camus's.

Friday, March 30

We had breakfast and dinner at home today. This afternoon we visited Brother and Sister Trillet, Brother and Sister Van Gestel, Sister Stegen and Brother and Sister Lambert in Ougrée. We had supper at the Lambert's, and we stayed during the evening to practice hymns. Sister Trillet has returned from a pilgrimage she made with her daughter and son-in-law to a Catholic holy place in Germany, to be healed from the paralysis of her head. She says that she feels much better, but her head is bothering her as much as before. It seems funny to me that someone who has accepted the Gospel can do such a thing. This shows that Sister Trillet does not have a strong testimony of the truth of this work.

Saturday, March 31

At about noon I left for Jehay, after having paid Monsieur Demblon for the meeting hall for the month of April, and after having given it up at the end of three months. I got off the train at Haute-Flône and walked to Jehay, where I paid visits to Sister Niset, who is very weak in the Gospel, Sister Chappelle, where I ate, Brother Darmont and Brother Hause. Then I walked to Villers-le-Bouillet and stayed at Brother Dieu's house tonight.

Sunday, April 1

Brother Dieu came back from Sëraing this morning, since he has been working nights this week. This morning I visited Brother Pirotte and then left for Jehay where Brother Nestor Niset was holding Sunday School at Brother Hause's home, and in the afternoon I held the fast and testimony meeting. There was a good spirit in the meeting. After eating a tartine with "Kneipp" coffee, I walked to Amay with Brother Niset. From there we took the train and I got off at Sëraing. I had dinner at Brother Goltz's, and then Brother Springer and I left for Liège. There we met Mr. Gunthel, the young American, who stayed for the meeting this evening. After the meeting, Brother Lee, Brother Lawson, Brother Springer and I went into the city to see the fair. Brother Springer and I took the 12:15 train for Sëraing.

Monday, April 2

We had dinner at about noon at Sister Goltz's, and we had supper there, too. This afternoon we carried our laundry to Célinie Bernard's house.

Tuesday, April 3

At about noon we left for Ougrée where we had dinner at Brother Lambert's. Afterwards, we visited Sister Stegen, Brother and Sister Trillet and Sister Pâques, but she was not at home. In the evening, Brother Lee and my brother William came over and we ate in the office. Then we went to the priesthood meeting. There was an excellent spirit among us all. Brother Lee stayed here tonight and Brother Springer went to Liège.

Wednesday, April 4

This morning Brother Lee visited some members. At noon I went to Sister Wiart's home, where Brother Lee already was, and we ate there. This afternoon we distributed brochures, but the rain prevented us from accomplishing everything that we wanted to do. Brother Lee then went to Célinie Bernard's and I left for Liège, where I went for a walk in the city. In the evening, Brother Springer and I ate at Brother Isenburg's home. In the meeting, Brother Springer, Brother Lawson and I spoke.

Thursday, April 5

At one o'clock we had dinner at Sister Goltz's. Then we visited Sister Micha, who is still associated with the Spiritualists. We spoke with her and also with a Catholic woman who was there. I have been told, and I believe that it is true, that they have given her money, and this is why she likes them so much. We also visited Sister Wauson and spoke with her husband, since she had left to gather coal. I gave Raymonde Wiart an English lesson. This evening we ate at Brother Camus's.

Friday, April 6

Today, no doubt, they hold General Conference in Salt Lake City. Yesterday, Sister Pâques and Sister Davin sent us something to eat. We had breakfast and dinner at home. Later on, we visited Brother and Sister Van Gestel in Hauts-Fourneaux d'Ougrée. There were two pensioners there, who are Flemish. Then we paid a visit to Sister Stegen, and to Brother and Sister Lambert, and we had supper with them.

Saturday, April 7

This morning I went to the police department in Lize to get my passport that they have kept for so long. After dinner in the office, we took a walk to Val St. Lambert to visit the glassworks, but Mr. Gunthel, who we wanted to visit, was not there. In the evening we had supper at Brother Goltz's. This afternoon I received a telegram from my brother Frank in London in which he said that he wanted to meet us in Brussels tomorrow evening.

Sunday, April 8

This morning Brother Springer and I went to Ougrée, where I held Sunday School. We had dinner at Brother Lambert's and then we left for the meeting. There were more members present today. Brother Lawson and I spoke. Then I went with my brother and Brother Lawson to Liège, and my brother and I traveled to Brussels, arriving there at seven o'clock in the evening. We walked to the Hôtel de l'Empereur where my brother Frank, his wife Mattie and their daughter Zannie were staying. They had already eaten and so we two ate. In the evening we all had a good time. Frank had gotten a beautiful room for the two of us.

Monday, April 9

Yesterday was Frank and Mattie's wedding anniversary. They have been married for twenty-two years. This morning we had breakfast together, and it tasted very delicious, like all the meals here. Then Frank, William and I went to the American minister, Mr. Lawrence Townshend, No. 2 Rue du Pôle. He wasn't there because he was sick, but his secretary wanted to do everything he could for Frank. This afternoon we all visited a lace factory, which Brussels is famous for. There were eight or nine old women there who could neither read nor write. One of them who was making duchess lace with bobbins was 64 years old, and she had been working since she was six. Duchess lace is made with bobbins. Appliquéd lace is made by attaching pieces of "duchess" to threads already made. Pointe lace is made entirely with the needle. It is the finest and is very expensive. Frank bought several pieces for Mattie and for his daughters. We had dinner at about six o'clock, which tasted very good. Then we had a good time talking about the different members of the family. Later, William and I took a walk in the city, visiting the Museum, the palace of the King, the Théâtre de la Monnaie, etc.

Tuesday, April 10

This morning I stayed with Mattie and Zannie in the hotel and Frank and William went to visit the American legation again. A little after one o'clock we left for the North station for Liège and Cologne. I had bought tickets for William and me and the agent told us that we could pay a supplement on the train to go first class. But the conductor told us that we could not go first class.

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However, after a tip of five francs that Frank gave him, he didn't say anything. Frank also gave each of us fifty francs to help us out. At Liège we got off and Frank, Mattie and Zannie continued their trip to Cologne. Tomorrow they want to go to Berlin to stay there for a few days and then to Stockholm to see Joseph. In the office were Brother Lee, Brother Lawson and Brother Lewis, who is the President of the Brussels conference, who has come here to learn French. William and I ate in the office and this evening I stayed at his place.

Wednesday, April 11

This morning I took a bath. William and I had dinner in the office. This afternoon we took a walk in the city. We had supper at Sister Isenburg's. In the meeting Brother Lawson, Brother Lee and I spoke. Brother Lawson is going to leave tomorrow for Brussels, and from there he will go to Paris on his way to America.

Thursday, April 12

At about one o'clock we had dinner at Brother Goltz's. Then we visited Sister Wauson and Sister Pâques, and I obtained 12.85 francs which were sent to me by the 110th quorum of Seventies as a Christmas present. We also visited Célinie Bernard. I gave an English lesson to Raymonde Wiart this afternoon. In the evening we had supper at Sister Camus's.

Friday, April 13

This morning I smelled a peculiar odor, as if varnish were burning. Suddenly I discovered that a part of the fireplace was on fire. We removed the screen and smothered the fire, which would have been very dangerous in a short time. After dinner at home we made our usual visit to Ougrée, also visiting Sister Trillet, who was feeling a little better than on Tuesday. We had supper at Brother Lambert's, who was feeling bad because he thought that the missionaries didn't want to help arrange the Easter celebration for Sunday evening.

Saturday, April 14

This morning Brother Lewis came to Liège and he and I took a walk along the Meuse River, and then we went to the office. The three of us had dinner at Sister Goltz's, and afterwards, we walked to Val St. Lambert, where we visited the glassworks, under the direction of Mr. A. B. Gunthel, a young American who works there. (Tr.: In English: Description - We saw the furnaces containing the glass mixture melted, from which the glass would be taken on iron rods and placed in molds and for better sorts molded and blown at the same time. We saw the stone wheels upon which much cutting is done, also the sand blast which cuts a sort of glaze in the glass, the latter being covered by a frame leaving holes for the ornamentation to be made by the sand sharply blown, cutting the glass. Also, how the colors were put on over the colorless glass and when desired, cut away with wheels or by the use of acid. Then the iron wheels used to make the real cut glass, of which the best quality is made here. Then that part where the pieces are waxed over, and patterns then traced upon them, four at a time, on a machine of a sort of pantograph arrangement, the pieces then being put in vessels to be acted upon by hydrofluoric acid.) Then Brother Lewis returned to Liège and we walked to the office. We had supper in the office.

Sunday, April 15

Today is Easter, which is a very important day here. This morning there was a parade in Seraing of musicians, of wagons representing different conditions and trades, happy clowns, etc. I went to Ougrée, where I was holding Sunday School. There were more children there today than there have ever been since I've been here. I had dinner at Brother Lambert's, and then I left for the meeting. The hall was completely filled this afternoon by members from here, Liège and Jehay. There was a good spirit. Brother Pirotte, Brother Strecker and Brother Lewis spoke. Brother Lee translated for the latter. Brother Strecker is leaving for America this week. We had supper at Brother Goltz's. Afterwards, we returned to the hall where there was a celebration, directed by Brother Lambert, which was very entertaining.

Monday, April 16

This morning a woman with a little child came to our house to ask us to help her sister-in-law who, she believed, was possessed by an evil spirit. She said that she had heard of us and that she wanted us to heal her. We told her that if she had faith, that by the power of God, the woman could be healed. It would not be us, but God alone who would be able to heal her. We explained to her our mission and a little about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She also invited us to visit her mother and her mother-in-law. We had dinner and supper at Sister Goltz's. This evening, a man, the husband of the woman who is possessed, came to us and we spoke to him about his wife and about his faith. He didn't have much faith but he thought that we could try to heal his wife.

Tuesday, April 17

We made our regular visit to Ougrée today, having dinner at Brother Lambert's and then visiting the Stegens and the Trilleys. Sister Stegen gave us some things to eat. This evening we had supper in the office. This evening we visited the Catholic Church to hear the missionaries who have been here for a while. I noticed that most of the people were satisfied after the mass and didn't wait to hear the sermon, but they didn't miss much, although the language was well-chosen.

Wednesday, April 18

About noon, we ate at Sister Wiart's. On our way, we visited Brother Goltz's, whose wife's son was sick; his legs, his arms and his head were all swollen. Brother Springer and I distributed brochures about the Gospel but we didn't receive much encouragement. Later on, we left for Liège. We had supper there, as usual, at Sister Isenburg's. In the meeting this evening, Brother Strecker, Brother Lee and I spoke.

Thursday, April 19

After dinner at Brother Goltz's, we paid visits to Sister Micha and Sister Wauson. Then we visited Madame Schilling, the mother of the man who had visited us Monday. She didn't have much time to speak to us, but she seemed quite intelligent. Brother and Sister Strecker had returned with us yesterday evening, and were also staying at Brother Goltz's today. Brother Lee was also at Brother Goltz's when we went there to get some bread and butter which had been left for us by Sister Davin. In the evening we ate at Brother Camus's.

Friday, April 20

We arose early this morning and left by train for Keinkempois, where we walked to the Guilleminis station in Liège. There we met Brother Lee, and in the station we found Brother Goltz, and Brother and Sister Strecker. Brother Goltz told me that Brother Strecker didn't have the money to help him on his journey. So I gave him all that I had with me, three francs, and Brother Lee, fortunately, had thirteen francs, which he gave to Brother Strecker. Afterwards, we went to the office and then we returned to Seraing, where we had dinner at Sister Goltz's. This afternoon, we paid visits to the members in Ougrée.

Saturday, April 21

This morning and all day long the weather was beautiful. About eleven o'clock I left for Liège by train to Jemeppe. Arriving at the office, I found no one there. In a little while Brother Lee and Brother Lewis came in. I was too late to see the marriage ceremony of Théodore Isenburg and Clemence Défourné performed by Brother Lee. After I had eaten, we took a walk in the city. We visited the Citadelle, climbing a stairway of 380 steps. The Citadelle was very picturesque to see. There were two ancient drawbridges, bastions and moats to protect the inhabitants. In the bastions there were passageways for the soldiers who would shoot through openings at the enemy. Then they gave us permission to visit the interior of the fortress, from which we had a marvelous view of the city. This evening we ate at Sister Isenburg's and while we were there, Théodore Isenburg and his wife came in. In the wedding celebrations in this country, it is the custom to eat, drink and dance for one or two days.

Sunday, April 22

This morning Brother Lee and I took the steamboat for a trip to Ougrée. The weather was cool and beautiful and the trip was delightful. In Ougrée I held Sunday School. We had dinner at Brother Lambert's and then left for the meeting hall. In our meeting this afternoon, Brother La haut and Brother Lee spoke. I felt a good spirit. Then I went to Brother Goltz's, where I had supper. This evening I went to Liège all alone because Brother Springer wasn't feeling too well. In the meeting, Brother Lee, William and I spoke. I stayed here tonight.

Monday, April 23

This morning we had breakfast in the office prepared by Sister Robisson. Later, I left for Seraing. We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's.

Tuesday, April 24

This morning we made a visit to Célinie Bernard to leave our laundry. She told us that the vicar had spoken with her about us, saying that we were very nice to go to the Catholic Church even though we don't have all of the truth (?). At noon, we went to Ougrée, as always, where we visited the members. Sister Trillet was greatly afflicted with the paralysis of the head that she has had for such a long time, and which is always getting worse. She says that she had a lot of faith once, and that she had fasted and prayed to be able to be healed, but she seemed to think that she only had to try and if she was not healed, not to try anymore. However, that is not the proper way. One must

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continue to have faith in God and in His power, and in spite of everything, to always exercise our faith. We had supper in the office.

Wednesday, April 25

At noon we dined at Sister Wiart's. This afternoon it started to rain and became rather cold. We went to Liège, and this evening we had supper at Sister Isenburg's. In the meeting, Brother Robisson and Brother Lewis spoke, the latter in English, the translation being given by Brother Lee. I stayed in Liège tonight, and Brother Lee slept at William's.

Thursday, April 26

This morning we arose at five o'clock, and after a little breakfast we walked to the Guilleminis station where we met A. B. Gunthel, who had invited us to visit a coal mine. We went by train to Rétinne. There, we met the director of the coal mine, Monsieur D'Andrimont, who was just going to leave for Liège. His son, about fifteen years old, led us into the rooms to change our clothing. It was necessary to change everything and put on suits of canvas, with leather hats and heavy shoes. Then, with safety lamps, we descended into the shaft in the cage. (Tr: The following description was in English.) The hoisting engines are old patterns, the spools on which the cables run being very large - about 16 or 18 feet in diameter - and mostly of wood. The valves are old-fashioned slide valves. The cable is hemp rope of eight single ropes, each about 1 1/2 inches in diameter, bound together in single thickness. The cages are double decked, each deck holding two cars. They have no safety clutches. The shaft is circular, of brick, there being two cage compartments. We descended to about 450 meters and then began our walk. The mine has not much water. Horses are used in pulling the cars, there being stables on each level. We passed through many small passages which seemed really dangerous, the timbers not being replaced until they break, and sometimes not until two or three go together. As a rule the mine, I consider, quite poorly timbered. Of course, in such mines it is necessary to put in timbers at the least possible expense, without regard to the appearance. We had to descend a great deal by inclines on the vein, the dip of which I should judge about 30° with the horizontal, and of which the thickness is, generally, slightly more than one meter. These inclines were mostly very low, being only about two or two and a half feet in height. To descend, we sat in chutes of plate iron and slid down until we reached a car on a lower level, and so on. There were places that we had to pass through I could barely get my body. I never saw a mine, though my experience is, as yet, rather limited, where their passageways were so bad and so difficult to traverse. As in all coal mines, there is a great deal of coal dust, seemingly, in this, more than ordinarily with us. Their manner of working seemed not to be regular, according to the two methods in common use in coal mining. When we reached the surface we looked great sights all being almost as black as negroes. We went into the rooms where we had undressed, and took baths of which there were several tubs. We then went to the director's house, which is a beautiful place. At the front of the house is gravel for the carriage to drive in on. At the rear, if one may call it such, is a very beautiful grotto, a lawn, and a garden, with lawn tennis and summer house, and in the distance a most enchanting view of the rolling hills and valleys covered with trees and grass. The house is exquisitely furnished. One room, especially, in which we spent most of our time, was very tastefully decorated. It was floored with very pretty tiles, wainscoting and ceiling of natural wood varnished, of a light color. The walls were a dark drab color. On one side

was a large fireplace with andirons. A billiard table was in one end, chairs of all kinds, tables, and a lounge were scattered around and rugs were also placed on the floor. At the end of the room opposite the billiard table was a large glass door, and two large panels of glass one on each side, through which one obtained a view of the lawn, etc., and of the country beyond. We had a delicious luncheon, two kinds of wine and beer being on the table, of which I took none, which was quite a surprise to the hostess. After luncheon we went into the other room and played billiards - Lewis and Gunthel standing against a cousin of the young boy D'Andrimont and me. We beat them to 25 then they barely beat us at 35. At three o'clock we left there, arriving at Liège about four. Gunthel left us and Lewis and I went to the office. This afternoon I left for Seraing where I found Brother Springer at Brother Goltz's, he having forgotten the key with me last night, consequently was locked out of the office. This evening we ate supper at Brother Camus's. (Tr.: End of English)

Friday, April 27

We had breakfast and dinner at home today. Then we distributed brochures and had rather good success. We found a woman who wanted to hear more about our doctrine, and we spoke with her. Later, we made our usual visit to Ougrée.

Saturday, April 28

At about noon I left for the station where I took the train for Amay. I got off in Haute-Flône and walked to Jehay. I had my Kodak and on the way I took some pictures. After the visits to the members in Jehay, I started off for Villers-le-Bouillet, where I stayed with Brother Dieu. The air was quite cool today and the weather was beautiful.

Sunday, April 29

I fasted this morning, as usual. At about ten-thirty I left Brother Dieu's home to visit Brother Pirotte. I had dinner at his home, and then we left for Jehay. There I held Sunday School and the meeting. Brother Pirotte and I spoke in the meeting, and I felt a good Spirit and my heart was filled with joy. Then I walked to Amay where I took the train for Seraing. After supper at Brother Goltz's, Brother Springer and I took the train for Liège. In the meeting this evening Brother La haut occupied the time.

Monday, April 30

We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's today. This afternoon I paid for the meeting hall and then I went to have some photographs made from some film. Light had exposed the film and all the photographs were more or less ruined.

Tuesday, May 1

At noon we visited the members in Ougrée as we usually do. Sister Trillet was doing about the same, that is, she was very much distressed. She was blaming everyone else for her illness, believing that she had not sinned enough to merit such a punishment. Later on, we visited Célinie Bernard, whose mother is ill. After supper in the office, we left for the meeting hall where a priesthood meeting was being held. As always, there was a good spirit among us, and if some of the brethren would keep the commandments of the Gospel better, they would be in a better condition spiritually; they would feel this influence more.

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Wednesday, May 2

At about noon we had dinner at Sister Wiart's. Then we distributed brochures. Our success was not very encouraging, but we had the satisfaction of having done our duty in spite of indifference. Nevertheless, we had a conversation with a man who believed in Spiritualism a little, and he invited us to return again. This afternoon we went to Liège. After eating at Sister Isenburg's, we assembled for the meeting where Brother La haut and Brother Lee spoke.

Thursday, May 3

We had breakfast and dinner in the office today. We visited Sister Micha, who seemed to have the same thoughts on Spiritualism as before. It seems funny to me, but I can still understand that it is so easy to follow principles other than those of the Gospel. In spite of the principles of the Plan of Salvation being so clear and so simple, there are so many people who love something mysterious, by which they can be fooled. One can understand how the Adversary works to deceive them. In the evening we had supper at Brother Camus's.

Friday, May 4

At noon we had dinner at Sister Goltz's. Sister Davin had brought us something to eat. She has also been to the Spiritualists and has been somewhat attracted by their actions. We paid our visit to Ougrée this afternoon, and found the members there to be in good condition. Sister Stegen's mother died this morning.

Saturday, May 5

We had breakfast and dinner in the office today. For several days the weather has been very pleasant, and today was no exception, except that it was a little too warm. This afternoon we went for a walk in the city, also walking along the Meuse. In the evening we had supper at Brother Goltz's.

Sunday, May 6

Today is the day of "first communion" for the children in the Catholic Church in this city. Early this morning the children went to the upper Church and about eight hours after this formality they returned. The boys, about twelve years old, were dressed in black, perhaps with white vests and white or black gloves. The girls, of the same age, were dressed in white, with gloves, slippers, and stockings of the same color. They had wreaths in their hair and white veils to cover their whole bodies. In the church the priest had given them what is called "l'hostie" (consecrated wafer) for the sacrament.

This morning Brother Springer went to Liège to hold the German meeting, and I left for Ougrée, where I held Sunday School. Afterwards, I returned to the office and later went to the fast and testimony meeting. There were not many in attendance, but I felt a good Spirit. I would have been happier if all the members had expressed their feelings. We had supper afterwards at Brother Goltz's. This evening we were present at the meeting in Liège. On the request of Brother Lee, I conducted. In this meeting I felt much happiness and an excellent spirit.

Monday, May 7

We had a little rain this morning, the first time for a long time. We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's.

Tuesday, May 8

At about noon we made our usual visit to Ougrée and found the members there in good spirits. However, Sister Trillet is doing about the same, still suffering from her head shaking. This evening we visited a family who had invited us to explain our doctrines to them. They leaned toward Spiritualism and we spoke with two brethren for an hour and a half about different points of doctrine. Sister Goltz brought us soup this evening, saying that she had plenty of it and believed that we could eat some. Brother and Sister Goltz have a great love for the Gospel, and they have the spirit of it as well.

Wednesday, May 9

We had dinner at Sister Wiart's today. Then we left for Liège. At the meeting this evening Brother La haut and Brother Lee spoke.

Thursday, May 10

After dinner at Sister Goltz's we visited Sister Pâques and Sister Wauson. Sister Pâques does not feel very good in the Gospel, and neither does Sister Wauson. Sister Pâques blames the others in the Church for her condition. I admit that there were those who did not act properly, but also, she herself is proud and doesn't have the right spirit of the Gospel that a saint should have. I gave an English lesson to Raymonde Wiart. In the evening we had supper at Brother Camus's. After the meal he left and Sister Camus told us that he didn't want to express his feelings about the Gospel. It seems that all those who were weak when I came here are now beginning to fall away completely. It shows me that if one loses the Spirit after having felt it, it is almost impossible to become strong again.

Friday, May 11

This afternoon we distributed brochures with rather good success. Then we left for Ougrée. It seems to me that Brother Lambert was feeling better this evening than he has felt for a long time.

Saturday, May 12

Brother Springer left for Jehay about noon. In the evening I had a delicious supper at Sister Goltz's.

Sunday, May 13

Today it was quite cold and I put on my overcoat to go to Ougrée where I held Sunday School. I had dinner at Brother Lambert's and then walked to the hall. In the meeting there was a good Spirit. There were more members present. Brother Lee and I spoke. After the meeting I had supper at Brother Goltz's, and afterwards left for Liège. Brother Springer had missed the train from Jehay and he was staying in Seraing. In the meeting this evening Brother Lee and I spoke. I stayed with my brother tonight.

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Monday, May 14

This morning we arose at about seven o'clock and after dressing we went to the office where breakfast was being prepared for us by Sister Robisson. I stayed here today, having dinner at Sister Robisson's and supper at Sister Isenburg's. I also translated part of the instructions for the tableaux for Sunday School from English into French. This evening we went to the theater - Eden du Gymnase - where they were having a sort of vaudeville performance. There were some parts that were good and some parts that were bad. They were singing songs which were full of off-color suggestions. The audience was composed of high society people and they seemed to completely enjoy themselves.

Tuesday, May 15

I stayed with my brother last night. This morning we had breakfast in the office. Then I left for Seraing, and we paid our visit to Ougrée, having dinner at Brother Lambert's. Sister Trillet was feeling a little better, having bought a bottle of "magnetized" water from a woman who makes medications of this kind. In the evening we had supper in the office.

Wednesday, May 16

At noon we dined at Sister Wiart's. Then we distributed brochures without much success. This afternoon we went to Liège to be present at the meeting. As usual, we had supper at Sister Isenburg's. At the meeting, Brother La haut and Brother Lee spoke.

Thursday, May 17

After dinner at Sister Goltz's we paid visits to Sister Wauson, who was not at home, and Sister Micha, where we found Sister Racquet, too. Afterwards, I gave an English lesson to Raymonde Wiart at the office. This evening we had supper at Brother Camus's.

Friday, May 17 (Tr.: Both Thursday and Friday were dated May 17)

Brother Springer was in great pain today because of his head. It seemed that his nose has what are called "adenoids," a sort of growth. He is also affected by changes in the weather, which he believes is due to rheumatism. We had breakfast and dinner in the office. Afterwards, I visited Célinie Bernard and was made welcome. Later, I went to Ougrée alone, where I visited the members and found them in quite a good condition.

Saturday, May 18

At noon I left for Jehay, getting off the train at Haute-Flône and walking through a beautiful little valley to Jehay. I ate at Sister Niset's and spoke with her a little about the Gospel. Then I visited Sister Chappelle and had a "tartine" there, and Brother and Sister Hause. Then I walked to Villers and stayed with Brother Dieu.

Sunday, May 19

This morning I left Brother Dieu's home, visited Brother Pirotte and walked to Jehay where I was going to the Niset's and find Nestor Niset. He practiced a few hymns on the harmonium. I had dinner at his home. Then we went to Brother Hause's where Brother Nestor was holding Sunday School, and then I held the meeting, in which Brother Nestor and I spoke. I had a "tartine" after the meeting and then walked with Alphonse Hause to Amay. I took the train for Seraing and he took the train for Huy. I had supper at Brother Goltz's and then Brother Springer and I left for Liège. In the meeting this evening there was a man, Monsieur Lepausse, a minister of the Seventh Day Adventists, whom Brother Lee had invited to speak. He read the 24th chapter of St. Matthew concerning signs, etc., of the coming of our Savior, and to guard against false prophets and those who would say, "Christ is here," or "He is there." He didn't say anything about the Sabbath. Then Brother Lee spoke and explained our belief, and said that one of these beliefs must be the truth.

Monday, May 21

We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's. This afternoon we took a walk in the city to try to find a meeting hall.

Tuesday, May 22

Today we made our regular visit to Ougrée. At Brother Trillet's there was a young man with whom Sister Trillet had spoken about the Gospel in Walloon, and then I explained our doctrines to him in French. This evening we had supper in the office.

Wednesday, May 23

At noon we had dinner at Sister Wiart's. Then Brother Springer left for Liège to buy clothing. Later, I went myself. In the meeting this evening Brother Springer, my brother William and I occupied the time. My brother, as always, spoke in English and Brother Lee interpreted. He only said a few words and showed that he did not have the desire to exert himself to speak. The only thing he lacks, it seems, is the desire to find the truth of the Gospel and to use his efforts in spreading it.

Thursday, May 24

Today is a holiday here. It is Ascension, instituted, no doubt, by the Catholics. At about one o'clock we had dinner at Brother Goltz's, and then, along with Sister Davin, we all went for a walk in the hills and woods above Seraing. Upon returning we were caught in a big shower, which got us all wet. This evening we had supper at Sister Camut's.

Friday, May 25

This morning we received a visit from Brother Dieu and his son Justin before we had eaten. We had breakfast and lunch in the office. At about four o'clock we went to Ougrée where we found the members quite well.

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Saturday, May 26

We had breakfast and dinner in the office today. Then we went for a walk in the city and along the Meuse, where Brother Springer showed me the Dutch and Belgian boats. This evening we had supper at Brother Goltz's.

Sunday, May 27

Today is election day. There are five parties in the field of which the Socialists and the Catholics are the strongest. This election is for the representatives of the Chamber and for the Senators. There is a paper to mark with the names of the men from the five parties in vertical lines, and at the top of each line there is a black square with a white spot in the middle. To vote for a certain party it is necessary to darken the white spot at the top of that line.

Brother Springer and I went to Ougrée this morning. Brother Lambert was holding Sunday School. We had dinner at his home and then returned to Seraing by way of the road along the Meuse. In the meeting Brother La haut and I spoke. There were many members present and a good spirit prevailed. Then we left for Liège, where we had dinner with Sister Robisson. Her husband had left this morning for St. Nicolas and after Sunday School he had not been seen. There was a noise in the house where the hall is and where Brother Robisson lives, between Sister Robisson and a woman, Madame Péters, who has been present at the meetings sometimes. Because of that Brother Robisson has been discouraged and perhaps has drunk a little. In the meeting this evening Brother La haut and I spoke. Since Sister Robisson didn't want to stay home for fear of her husband, Brother Lee let her into the office and he went to spend the night with my brother.

Monday, May 28

We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's today. After dinner we distributed brochures with more success than ever. We found three consecutive homes of people who seemed to be interested in our doctrines. In the last of these three there was an old woman who invited us to come in and who told us that she had read the brochure five or six times, and she wanted to hear more about our principles. We spoke with her and then she gave us 25 centimes to pay for our brochures. She also called her husband, who was Flemish, to listen to us, and Brother Springer spoke to him in Dutch.

Tuesday, May 29

We made our regular visit to Ougrée at noon. When we arrived at Brother Trillet's there was no one home. Then we learned that the grandson of Brother Trillet had died and that he and his wife were at the burial. We waited and then Sister Monseur and Sister Trillet came back to the house and we had a rather long conversation with them. When we came back to the office, we found Brother Lee here. He told us that Brother Robisson had returned home very late Sunday night quite drunk, and that he had disturbed the peace of the house, speaking loudly and calling the missionaries and a girl who lives in the house dirty names. After Brother Lee left we took our laundry to Célinie Bernard's. This evening we had supper in the office.

Wednesday, May 30

At noon we ate at Sister Wiart's. Then Brother Springer left for Liège to go to the hospital because of an illness in his head. He doesn't have the faith to be healed by the laying on of hands. Later on, I went there, too. As usual, we ate at Sister Isenburg's this evening. In the meeting Brother Lee and I spoke. Tonight I stayed with my brother, and Brother Springer stayed with Brother Lee.

Thursday, May 31

Before noon we went to Seraing and ate at Sister Goltz's. In the evening we had supper at Brother Camut's.

Friday, June 1

Today is the birthday of Brigham Young, the second prophet, seer and revelator of the Church. It was raining today. At about four o'clock we visited the members in Ougrée, eating at Brother Guillaume Van Gestel's and again later at Brother Lambert's.

Saturday, June 2

Brother Springer left for Jehay today, and I for Liège by boat at about one o'clock. The trip was beautiful and there was freshness in the air. I bought some food and ate in the office. Then Brother Lee and I took a turn through the Jardin d'Acclimatation. William and Brother Lee went to Sister Isenburg's for supper, and I ate in the office again. Later on, we went for a walk in the city and to hear a concert by a military band on the Boulevard d'Avray. Tonight I stayed with Brother Lee at the office.

Sunday, June 3

This morning I held the German meeting, and this being the first Sunday of the month, it was fast day. I felt a good influence but I was not satisfied with the members since there were only two who bore their testimonies, while there were seven of them present. Later on I went with Sister DeGuée on the boat to Seraing. In this meeting there were many members and a good Spirit reigned. The time passed very quickly and there was only enough time for three people to bear their testimonies. I returned to Liège on the boat with William and Brother Lee. We had supper at Sister Robisson's. This evening, too, there were many in attendance at the meeting. Today is what is called Pentecost.

Monday, June 4

Today is "Pentecost Monday" and it is a holiday. This morning, Brother and Sister Goltz, with their children, Sister DeGuée, and Brother Springer and I went walking in the woods near Seraing to spend the day. There are beautiful woods above Seraing. Sister Goltz had prepared food that we carried with us. We stopped twice to eat - at one o'clock and at about six o'clock. We passed by a beautiful castle of a count, which was magnificent, with a beautiful park and a fish pond. On our return we found a crucifix on the side of the path affixed to the top of a short stone column which had been made in 1810.

Tuesday, June 5

At noon we went to Ougrée to visit the members, and found them in quite good spirits. This evening we had supper in the office.

Wednesday, June 6

We had dinner at noon at Sister Wiart's. Later, we left for Liège. We had supper at Sister Isenburg's. I sense that this family is not doing so well in the Gospel as before. Brother Isenburg has not been doing well since I came, and for a good reason: He is not following the principles of the Gospel. This evening Brother Springer and I spoke.

Thursday, June 7

After dinner at Sister Goltz's, we went to visit Sister Wauson, where we found Brother Lee. From there, Brother Lee and Brother Springer went to Ougrée to look over a home that we would like to occupy. I visited Sister Micha and found her about the same as usual. Afterwards, we had a visit in the office from Sister Goltz and Sister Robisson, who had come from Liège with Brother Lee. This evening we had supper at Brother Camut's.

Friday, June 8

This morning I heard from my brother Lewis in Cologne that a missionary would be arriving in Liège this afternoon and he asked me to go and meet him. After dinner in the office I left for Liège and met the missionary, A. L. Scoville from Ogden, at Guilleminis station. He recognized me by my size. He wants to go to Paris but he is going to wait for a few days here for some missionaries from Sweden. We went to the office, and then went for a walk. Sister Robisson prepared dinner for us. This evening we walked along the Boulevard d'Avray where there was a delightful concert.

Saturday, June 9

Brother Lee stayed with my brother last night and we slept in the office. This morning we had breakfast in the office. At noon I left for Jehay. I found the members there in good condition; above all Sister Chappelle was feeling well. I walked to Villers and stayed at Brother Dieu's. He was not at home. His wife told me that her grandson had died the past Sunday. Her heart was almost broken.

Sunday, June 10, 1900

Today is my birthday. I have arrived at the age of 23. This morning I arose after a good rest. Brother Dieu had come from Seraing this morning. At about ten o'clock I visited Brother Pirotte and in the afternoon we went to Jehay where I held Sunday School and the meeting, in which Brother Pirotte and I spoke. I then returned to Liège where I had supper at Sister Robisson's. In the meeting Brother Scoville spoke, first in English that Brother Lee translated, and then in German. I, too, spoke. It was very hot today.

Monday, June 11

This morning we went to Ougrée to find a house to rent. We returned by way of the Meuse, in which men and boys were swimming. After dinner at Brother Goltz's we distributed brochures. There was an old woman with her Flemish husband whom we visited, who treated us very kindly. She felt that it was the truth and she was very interested in reading our brochures. We visited Célinie Bernard this afternoon to deliver our laundry. This evening we had supper at Brother Goltz's. Brother Pirotte and Brother Dieu and Clement Pirotte came there and we stayed in front of the house, where it was cooler.

Tuesday, June 12

At noon we visited the members in Ougrée and found them quite well. We returned here quickly because I was expecting Brother Lee at the office. When he arrived with Brother Scoville, we two went to the Coopération de Lize-Seraing to arrange to rent a house in Ougrée. We made a contract with the President and the Treasurer to take the house for eight months at 37.05 francs a month. Brother Lee also spoke to the President in response to his questions concerning our doctrine and gave him our Articles of Faith and two brochures. In the evening, we had supper in our lodgings. It was very hot again today.

Wednesday, June 13

This morning Brother Springer left for Liège to go to the hospital. At noon I had dinner at Sister Wiart's. Later, I took the train, arriving in Liège. I went for a walk in the city. Brother Springer and I had supper at Sister Isenburg's. There hasn't been a good feeling for the Gospel in this family for some time. Returning to the office, we found two new missionaries, Brother Johnson and Brother Lundstrom, who had come from Sweden to accompany Brother Scoville to Paris. In the meeting there were very few members. Brother Johnson and Brother Lundstrom spoke in English. Brother Lee translated for the former and I for the latter. Afterwards, we two (Brother Springer) returned to Seraing with Sister DeGuée.

Thursday, June 14

This morning Pierre Rentmeister came over and told us that Sister Monseur was very sick and that they wanted us to come as quickly as possible. We left immediately and found Sister Monseur very distressed. Her body, above all her eyes and fingers, were swollen, and she could hardly see out of her eyes. We laid our hands upon her, after having prayed. Brother Springer anointed her and I sealed the anointing. We had dinner at Sister Goltz's. In the evening we ate at Brother Camut's, who almost seems cold in the Gospel.

Friday, June 15

We had breakfast and dinner in the office. This afternoon we visited Sister Stegen, Sister Monseur, Brother and Sister Van Gestel and Brother and Sister Lambert, whom we found to be quite well. Sister Monseur was doing better than yesterday. My brother and Brother Lee had come today in response to the request of Sister Monseur. It rained a lot today.

Saturday, June 16

After dinner at the office, we took a walk below along the Meuse. We also saw the aerial tramway of the Société Cockerill used to transport the iron ore from the Meuse to Hauts-Fourneaux. We had supper at Sister Goltz's.

Sunday, June 17

Today is the day of the Procession here in Lize. It is a cortège led by the Catholics; I don't know why, but they carry the priest on a palanquin which represents our Savior (see II Thess. 2). There is also an idol of the Virgin Mary to which everyone kneels and worships.

Brother Springer went to Liège to hold the German meeting and I went to Ougrée, where Brother Lambert was conducting Sunday School. I ate at Brother Lambert's and then walked to the hall in Seraing. In the meeting Brother Springer and I spoke. Then my brother and the two of us left for Liège by boat. In the meeting this evening, there were seven or eight strangers but they didn't stay for the whole meeting. Brother Lee and I spoke. It was raining this evening. I stayed with my brother and Brother Springer returned to Seraing.

Monday, June 18

This morning we had breakfast in the office, prepared by Sister Robisson. Later, we went for a walk in the city. We had dinner in the office, for which I bought some strawberries. Then Brother Lee and I took the train for Seraing. In the evening we all went to see the festival, which consisted of carousels, etc.

Tuesday, June 19

Today the sun is as far north as it will be this year. It rose at four o'clock this morning, and set at eight o'clock this evening. Since it began traveling to the north, or rather, since the earth has changed its position in its orbit, there has been a change or increase of about three minutes every day.

We visited Ougrée as usual today and found the members in good spirits. This evening we had supper at home.

Wednesday, June 20

It rained this morning and the weather was unpleasant. My brother William came over this morning from Liège and I accompanied him to Sister Goltz's and also to Sister Davin's, for whom he prescribed directions for their illnesses. We had dinner at Sister Wiart's. Then we distributed brochures with enough success, speaking with two women who are very interested in our doctrine. Later on, we left for Liège. We had supper at Sister Isenburg's. There was not a good feeling there at all, caused mainly by Brother Isenburg, who was drinking a little and didn't have the Spirit of the Gospel at all. In the meeting Brother Robisson and Brother La haut spoke.

Thursday, June 21

After breakfast this morning Brother Camut came and asked if we would like to bicycle to Verviers and back. We accepted and as soon as we had rented some "vélos" from a man here on the Rue du Chêne for 3.50 francs apiece for the whole day, we left, at about ten-thirty. In the beginning, Brother Camut took a fall and almost rolled down the slope of a little hill. On the way going and coming Brother Springer fell four or five times. It tired me greatly because of the fact that I could not extend my leg, as the bicycle was not very big. We arrived at Verviers at about one o'clock. The distance is about 25 kilometers. After a little difficulty we found Sister Camut's sister, who was recently married. She is located in a nice section of town. Her husband's name is Jean Caission. She welcomed us and prepared something to eat. At about four-thirty we set out to return. The countryside that we crossed was very beautiful and the path was quite flat. Verviers has a population of about 51,000. It is famous for its textile factories. In the evening we had supper at Brother Camut's. I was really stiff this evening.

Friday, June 22

I didn't sleep too well last night because my legs and my seat ached. Brother Springer went to Liège this morning. Brother Goltz came to visit us. I had dinner in the office. Then I visited Sister Wauson and Sister Pâques. The latter doesn't feel good about the Gospel. She speaks of slander and pride in this branch of the Church and of the lack of love without thinking that she herself is also to blame. Later, Brother Springer and Brother Goltz and I went to Ougrée to visit the house that we have rented. Brother Springer and I visited the members.

Saturday, June 23

Today Brother Springer went to Jehay. This evening I had supper at Brother Goltz's. Sister Goltz had been shaking and she also had pain in her back.

Sunday, June 24

This morning I went to Ougrée where I held Sunday School, Brother Lambert having left for the country. I had dinner with Sister Lambert. In the meeting this afternoon Brother La haut and Brother Lee spoke. After, we took the train for Liège and ate at Sister Robisson's, who has recently moved. In the evening Brother Springer and Brother Lee spoke. I stayed with Brother Lee to-night.

Monday, June 25

After breakfast in the office this morning we went to Sister Isenburg's. I had spoken with her and she seemed to feel the need to fulfill her duties better. She explained to us that her husband would get drunk when she went to the meetings. Later, I left for Seraing. On the way it rained hard and I got drenched. We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's. This afternoon we prepared everything in the hall for moving. Sister Goltz was still sick this evening.

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Tuesday, June 26

For some time now we have had funny weather. There has hardly been a day in the last two weeks when the sun has shown itself all day long. We visited Brother and Sister Lambert today, Brother and Sister Stegen, Sister Monseur, and Brother and Sister Trillet. We also visited the house at 63 Rue de Boncelles, Ougrée, which is being prepared with wallpaper and whitewashing for us. In the evening we ate in the office.

Wednesday, June 27

At noon we had dinner at Sister Wiart's. Then we visited Sister Goltz, who is very ill with a high fever. She shakes and has pain in her lower back. Later, we took the train for Liège and took a tour of the city. In the evening we ate at Sister Isenburg's. This family still is not doing well. In the meeting this evening Brother Lee and I spoke. Today is the anniversary of the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith. It has been 56 years since they were killed by a mob of wicked men.

Thursday, June 28

This morning my brother William and Brother (Tr.: No name given.) came and after examining Sister Goltz my brother declared that her illness was typhoid fever. Brother Lee, Brother Springer and I prepared the hall on Rue Léopold for leaving. Afterwards, we had dinner at Brother Goltz's. This afternoon we were busy preparing our furniture to move tomorrow. In the evening we had supper at Sister Camus's.

Friday, June 29

This morning we arose at about five o'clock and after eating we went to find the teamster who was going to drive us to the hall and then to Brother Goltz's. The laftern had more furniture than I thought and consequently the teamster murmured that we had too much for the amount of money we had agreed on. When we had put the furniture from the office on the wagon, it was completely filled and there was a lot up on the roof. I went with Sister Goltz in a carriage because she couldn't walk. Sister Robisson and Sister Lambert came this afternoon and helped a lot to clean the house and arrange the furniture.

Saturday, June 30

I was busy arranging the furniture this morning. Then I went to Lize-Seraing to get some clothing that I had left. We had dinner at Brother Lambert's. At six o'clock this evening I left for Jehay. I walked directly to Villers, where I stayed at Brother Dieu's.

Sunday, July 1st

Today is fast day. I left Brother Dieu's home at about ten, and visited Brother Pirotte. Then I walked to Jehay and visited Brother Darmont and Sister Chapelle before Sunday School. Brother Niset conducted. We had a good testimony meeting. Then I had a tartine and left for Amay where I took the train for Liège. I had dinner at Sister Robisson's. In the meeting this evening there weren't very many present. There were two Socialists whom we spoke to afterwards. I stayed with William tonight.

Monday, July 2

This morning Brother Lee and I had breakfast in the office. Then William and I went into the city to get some things for Sister Goltz. We visited the Académie des Arts afterwards, where there were sculptures, drawings and paintings. Then I left for Ougrée by train. At noon we had dinner at Brother Goltz's, as well as supper later on.

Tuesday, July 3

At noon we had dinner at Brother Lambert's. Then we paid visits to Brother Stegen's and Brother Trillet's. Sister Trillet was feeling bad today because her head was shaking more severely. This afternoon Brother Lee and William came over and we all had supper in the office. William hasn't felt too well lately because of his stomach, which is very weak. In the evening we had priesthood meeting. Of the local priesthood, only Brother Lambert, Brother La haut and Brother Goltz were present, but there was a good spirit.

Wednesday, July 4

Today is Independence Day in America, and I can almost hear the noise of the rockets and firecrackers which will be burst in that country. At noon, we had dinner at Sister Wiart's. While I was at her home, I gave Raymonde, her daughter, an English lesson. Then we paid a visit to Célinie Bernard, and then we distributed brochures. We had a conversation with Madame Bérinx, who has carefully read our brochures and seemed to have a desire to continue. I had brought her a "Voix d'Avertissement" (Tr.: Voice of Warning) and she was very happy to receive it.

We went to Liège this afternoon. When we arrived at Sister Isenburg's, there was only Mathilde there, a little daughter, who told us that her mother had left to find a new home. That is the same excuse that they gave Brother Lee before, showing that they don't want us to come there. In the evening, Brother Roelofs had arrived from Rotterdam and he took up the time in the meeting. He speaks very beautiful French and has an excellent knowledge of this language.

Thursday, July 5

We had dinner at Brother Goltz's today. In the evening we took a walk to Lize-Seraing, where we had supper at Sister Camut's. Then we accompanied Brother Camut to a concert at the Château Cockerill on the Meuse, which was very delightful.

Friday, July 6

I had dinner with Sister DeGuée in the back of the house, since she is working here for Brother Goltz now. Brother Springer had left for Liège. So I paid a visit to Sister Wauson by myself today, and found her in the best of spirits. I also visited Brother and Sister Stegen and Sister Lambert in Ougrée. Brother Roelofs arrived very late this evening to stay here.

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Saturday, July 7

William arrived this morning from Liège to see Sister Goltz. He reported that her condition is better. I left with Brother Roelofs to visit the members in Seraing. First of all, we went to Sister Pâques's, where we stayed for almost two hours. Sister Raquet came, too. Brother Roelofs wanted Sister Pâques to see her true condition and for her to promise to come to the meetings, but he did not succeed. Then we went to see Sister Davin, Sister Wiart and Sister Camut, and at her home we had some tartes to eat. Brother Roelofs then visited the members in Ougrée and later left for Jehay with Brother Lee. I had supper at Brother Goltz's.

Sunday, July 8

This morning we had Sunday School at the hall. At the same time that Sunday School was over, the Procession passed by. There were little girls dressed in white with wings on, to represent angels, then a sort of palanquin on which there was a statue of the Virgin Mary with a child in her arms. Then there were boys dressed in red and white who waved censers, and little boys with little bells. Then there was the priest with the "hostie" (?), covered with heavens, carried by men. Everyone who passed by looked curiously at our sign.

We had dinner today at Brother Lambert's, and because of the festival, there were tarts and other delicious things. There were many in attendance at the meeting. Brother Roelofs occupied the time and as we were late in starting, it was four-thirty when the meeting was over. Brother Lee, Brother Roelofs and Brother Springer and I accompanied Marie Sanglier and a girlfriend who was with her to the station. Brother Roelofs said his goodbyes and kissed Marie Sanglier. In spite of the fact that he always seems so serious, as if he didn't think of such things, he is quite attached to the girls and he is gallant. He left for Luxembourg to visit his father and then he will return to America. We had supper at Sister Robisson's. There were comparatively few people at the meeting this evening. Brother Lee and I spoke.

Monday, July 9

For two or three days we have had very cold and rainy weather, and for about a month it has been more like March or April than July. I walked to Eize-Seraing this morning to have my address changed and that of Brother Goltz. Then I paid a visit to Monsieur Rutten, where we lived before. We had dinner and supper at Brother Goltz's.

Tuesday, July 10

We visited Brother Lambert's, Brother Stegen and Brother Trillet today. In the evening, we went over to Monsieur Wiart's where we had been invited for supper. At the same time, I gave an English lesson to Raymonde. Monsieur Wiart returned from work under the influence of liquor. Later on, he became more gentle and calmer. We spoke to him about the Gospel, about which he knows a great deal. Finally, he asked us to have prayer with him, and he called on me to pray.

Wednesday, July 11

We fasted until noon. Then we ate at home. This afternoon we left by train for Liège. We had supper in the office. In the meeting this evening, my brother William and Brother Lahaut spoke. I stayed with Brother Lee tonight.

Thursday, July 12

This morning we had breakfast at Sister Robisson's. Then I went to take a bath, and on the way back to the office I paid a visit to Sister Isenburg. I found her with quite good feelings toward the Gospel, but her husband is so evil and is so often drunk that it makes life miserable for her. It is almost as if he had a demon. Afterwards, I returned to Ougrée, accompanied by Brother Lee. I had dinner at Brother Goltz's here. In the evening we had supper at Brother Camut's. We spoke to him about the Gospel, but he didn't want to talk about it, because he didn't have any good reasons for his conduct. He jumped from one principle to another, and then criticized the actions of the missionaries. He finally told us that he was happy to have us come see him, but he did not want to hear any more about the Gospel.

Friday, July 13

This morning and at noon I ate in the office. During the morning I went to the Police Department to get my change of address and to obtain permission to hang a sign, with a list of our meetings, in front of the house. In registering me, the clerk asked me irrelevant questions, such as, "Where and when were your parents born?" Sister Monseur was sick today and I was called to administer to her. Her face was horribly swollen, so much so that she could neither see nor speak. This afternoon we visited Brother and Sister Stegen and Brother and Sister Lambert.

Saturday, July 14

This morning we went to visit the factories of the Société Cockerill in Seraing. One must have an authorization, but I showed them my calling card with my profession listed as Mining Engineer, and they allowed us to visit, accompanied by a boy from the office. We were there for about an hour and a half, but we were only able to visit a part of the factories, since one must be out by noon. We visited the polishing and construction factories, factories for assembling locomotives, for assembling marine equipment, for bolting down, the foundry, with a hydraulic press of 2000 tons, and we looked at the blast furnaces, but we didn't have enough time to inspect them. We had dinner at home. Then I was called to administer to Sister Monseur again, who was a little better. In the evening I ate here with Brother Goltz.

Sunday, July 15

This morning, Brother Goltz and I left by boat for Liège. Arriving there, we waited for the others for the German meeting, but no one came. Then we went to the Isenburg's. We found Sister Isenburg at home, who seemed so much older than before. Later on, her husband came home in a drunken state, and he began to speak foolishly about the Church. We returned by boat and I ate at Brother Lambert's. This afternoon, Brother Lambert and I spoke at the meeting. We had supper with Brother Goltz, and then the two of us left for Liège with Sister DeGuée. At the meeting, Brother Lee and Brother Springer spoke.

Monday, July 16

For two or three days now we have had very hot weather. Last night it was very hot.

We had dinner and supper at Sister Goltz's, as usual.

Tuesday, July 17

Today, we made our usual visits. Brother Lee brought a German this morning who had come yesterday from Brussels, who is examining our principles. He stayed at Brother Goltz's, and since he is a tailor, he received an order from Brother Goltz to make some clothing. This evening we were at Sister Wiart's, and Monsieur Wiart was feeling much better than before.

Wednesday, July 18

We paid visits to Sister Wauson, Madame Bérix and Célinie Bernard today. Then we left for Liège. At the meeting, Brother Lee and I spoke. I stayed with William tonight.

Thursday, July 19

I had breakfast with Brother Lee in the office this morning. Soon after, William came in, and the two of us went for a walk in the city. At noon the three of us had dinner at Sister Robisson's. Then we went into the city again. At six o'clock Brother Springer came in, bringing a letter for me from Joseph, saying that he and Lewis would be arriving at six-thirty. We left immediately for the station, where we found Lewis, Joseph, and Brother Anderson and Brother Erickson from Sweden. We all had supper at the office and then Joseph went with William, Lewis and me to the hotel, and the others stayed with Brother Lee at the office.

End of French

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Wednesday the 29th of August.

In the future I wish to write my journal in Dutch. This morning Brother Hickenlooper and I had breakfast with Sister Tesh, an elderly sister in the Church. We had a delicious meal. This afternoon I went to the city and bought a hat. I also talked with Brother Rigby today and gave him a few seats for the Rotterdam conference. Later I went to Dordrecht on the train ^{and attended a meeting where} and Brothers de Brij, Meibos Hzn. and I spoke ~~in the meeting~~. There were about 30 people present in the hall. After the meeting we visited with an elderly sister, Heuke, ^{PAP} where we had some "Pop", which is eaten a lot here. It is made from rice and buttermilk, and when one puts a little syrup in it, it tastes like "vomit". Afterwards Brother de Brij and I went to Sister Ballsgooie's where we stayed. We were given a sandwich. We annointed and blessed ^{her child?} Have Kaid?, because he has a wound and also his chest and back are very unhealthy.

Thursday the 30th of August.

This morning I arose about 9:30. We had breakfast and then went to Mr. de Zeeuw, who does the printing for the "Ster" according to Brother de Brij. We then went to the office, then to the station with Brothers Meibos and Platt. This afternoon I sent my trunk to 23 Vinkenstraat (street) with a son of Brother de Waal. There I prepared everything and had dinner. I forgot to say that Sister D'Hulds prepared my dinner yesterday before I went to Dordrecht.

Friday the 31 of August.

Today is the Queens birthday or Orange Day. (Royal Family is the House of Orange) There are flags of red, white and blue everywhere, and one also sees many orange flags and pendants. Brothers Hickenlooper and Rigby came to bring my letters and ask if they can hang out our flag. Later I went to the office and gave them the flag. I have been fairly busy today.

Saturday the 1st of September.

After breakfast I went to the office, and from there to the bathing establishment. Later I went to the city. This afternoon I was in the office.

Sunday the 2nd of September.

This morning I fasted. At 10 o'clock I went to fast and testimony meeting where I had the spirit present and enjoyed the testimonies. After the meeting I went to the office and then back to the hall where I went to Sunday School until 1 o'clock. There were about 60 members. Afterwards I went back home where I had supper. I was in another meeting until 6 o'clock and spoke there with others. After that meeting we had priesthood meeting. Brother Noorda, President of the Branch, presided.

Monday the 3rd of September.

When I went to the office this morning I found Brother Lewis from Amsterdam and Brother Lee Taylor from Germany who had come here to see a little of Rotterdam. Brother W. de Leeuw arrived here yesterday to fulfill his mission.

Tuesday the 4th of September.

Today I assigned Brother Leeuw his place of labor in Groningen under the presidency of Elder Joseph C. Platt whom I assigned Saturday to preside there. I have been very busy at present.

Wednesday the 5th of September.

This afternoon I have been to the city with Brother Nibley. I haven't had very much to do today.

This evening I have felt a little bit that I am not doing enough and it makes me desirous to become more zealous in this work and in this position which I have been placed so that I can feel that I am putting forth my best effort to further the work of God and to satisfactorily fulfill my mission. I must become more humble and more diligent in using myself so that the work will be ^{promoted?} favored under my direction.

Thursday the 6th of September.

Nothing unusual has taken place during this day.

Friday the 7th of September.

I was fairly busy today.

Saturday the 8th of September.

This evening I took a bath. I remained in the office the entire day. This evening Brother Nibley came and we went together to Sister de Lange for a sandwich.

Sunday the 9th of September.

This morning at 10 o'clock I went to meeting. In this meeting Brother Roscoe Eardley, and I, and Brother Ratstegen, one of the local priesthood, spoke. After that I went to the office. About 3 o'clock Brother Nibley and I went to Sister Gerritje's where we had a good meal. The two oldest daughters in this family are very good girls, and are also fairly pretty and elegant of dress. Later we went back to the office ^{and} about 6 o'clock went to the meeting. Brothers Nibley and De Waal were the preachers. Then Brother Nibley and I went to Sister De Groot's where we had a birthday party for her daughter. Today I have been a little down-cast because it seems that things are not going just as they should. It makes me feel that I must place more trust in our Heavenly Father in order to have His blessings with me to encourage me.

Tuesday th 11th of September.

Nothing special today.

Wednesday September 12th.

As usual I have been in the office almost the whole day.

Thursday September the 13th.

Nothing special today.

Friday September 14th.

Nothing special happened today.

Saturday September 15th.

I took a bath this morning. This afternoon Elder L. J. Kragt, a former president of the Groningen Conference came from there to do further work here in Rotterdam.

Sunday September 16th.

This morning I went to meeting at 10 o'clock. After that I came back with a letter from President Platte ~~De~~ Lyman from the European Mission, in which he informed me that the First Presidency were in agreement to my ^{calling?} (location). There was also a note to that effect in the Millennial Star. This afternoon I ate in my room. This evening I was again in meeting until 6 o'clock ^h were Brother Meibos and I took up the time. After that I went with a Brother Weening to his house where I ate a sandwich.

Monday September 17th.

I was fairly busy today.

Tuesday September 18th.

This morning I went to Sister Grondel's, who had asked if I would come. She wished to borrow more money and said that if I would give her fifty ~~g~~lders now, to pay other small debts that she would begin to pay back a small amount each week. Finally I promised to lend her the money. This evening I went to ^{Relief Society?} the (sisters) meeting where there were many sisters. Sister De Bruin, who was the second counselor to Sister Metselaar was made first counselor, and Sister Honig was made second counselor, also Sister Fluit was made teacher. I talked a little about everything to them.

Wednesday September 19th.

Today I reciev^ed a letter from Johannes Springer with whom I had previously work^d and who had previously asked me to lend him some money from the Church for he could not continue his missionary work. He had previously gotten money from Brother Farrell. But his letter and his feeling were not as they should have been - that he would not go forth with his missionary work unless he reciev^ed money from us.

Thursday September 20th.

This morning I reciev^ed a letter from J. Jaspers, a Brother in Brussels in which he explained to me what my obligations to my brothers in the gospel are,

because I had not been able to give him a certain amount of money to use. This morning I also recieved a letter from Brother Denkers from Arnhem in which he gave me to understand that the whole branch was in an uproar over the actions of the Branch President H. P. Pistorius, and asked me to come there before I go to Groningen. He also said that he doesn't know what to do.

Friday September 21.

I went to Arnhem, the journey took 2 hours. Brother Denkers was at the station to meet me. He was pale and said that he felt very sorrowful. We went to a sisters to eat. After that we went to an office where he told me the situation. Brother Pistorius, during 2 or 3 years, has many times gone walking on the streets with young sisters from the Church. He twice promised Brother Frances and had promised Brother Petterson, Brother Denkers, and Brother Weston and had promised Brother Farrell just prior to Brother Farrell's leaving, that he would not do that anymore. Brother Farrell had ~~said~~ told me nothing about this. Brother Pistorius has broken all of the promises. The last time that he was seen was Sunday evening September 16th with Sister Minna Lorier, with whom he has almost always gone. He was seen by Brother Weston, and Brother van Leeuwen and his wife and children in various places in the city after the meeting. Brother Weston had asked Brother Denkers to promise to do this which he has done. Brother Weston had gone out other times in attempt to catch him. Brother Pistorius eventually found out that Brother Weston had followed him and he came yesterday evening to Brother Denkers and said that he no longer wanted to remain president of the branch or a member of the Church although he knew that it is true.

Brother Denkers asked him to come this evening to talk with me. It appears that the missionaries primarily are not in harmony regarding this matter. Brother Denkers seems to be a little for, and Brothers Weston and Lillywhite against Brother Pistorius. Brother Pistorius came this evening to the office and we talked with him. He admitted that he ~~was~~ was at fault in going out with this girl and that he had more or less broken his promises. He said finally that he would

like to be released from the presidency of the branch and as a member of the Church. I believe that he thought we wouldn't do it. I said to him that we would release him as president of the branch but we wished him to show through his deeds and repentance that he would wish to remain in the Church and to become better, that we would not take his priesthood away at present. Afterward, he appeared to be very downcast.

Saturday, September 22nd.

This morning, after breakfast with the missionaries, I went with Brother Denkers to the station where I took a train to Groningen. I was traveling for 4 hours. In Groningen Brothers Platt and Tingen and a young brother were there to meet me. Brothers Meibos, Nibley, Eardley, Whitney, and Rigby came with me on the same train from ^{ZWOLLE} ~~Zuola~~ but I didn't see them. We then went to the office. There we met Brother and Sister van der Werff who live in the same house with Brothers de Leeuw and S. Springer. The office here is very good, more pleasant than most of the ^Aoffices in the mission. Then also, Brother and Sister van der Werff are very good to the missionaries. This afternoon most of the missionaries went out to find a meal. I ate with Brother and Sister van der Werff. During the meal Brother L. Venema who works in Friesland came in having walked almost 7 hours to come to conference.

Sunday, September 23.

We all slept in the house of Brother van der Werff and the office. Brother van der Werff, Brother Nibley, Brother Eardley, and I slept together in one great big bed. This morning we all fasted. Our meeting began at 10:00 there were many brothers and sisters present and more brothers than sisters which is a little different than usual. There were some strangers present but the hall was not full. After a song a prayer by Brother Springer and another song, Brothers Tingen and Springer served the sacrament after it was blessed by Brother Tingen. Brother Platt then spoke and introduced the officers from the Church, from the mission and from the conference, and later gave an account of the progress in the

conference. Afterwards Brother Venema spoke and very clearly explained the necessity of being called of God. Brother Eardley said the prayer. I ate at Brother and Sister van der Werff's with other missionaries this afternoon. Later Brother Platt, Brother Whitney, and I went walking in the city. The other meeting was at 6 o'clock. The hall was completely full and quite a few strangers were present. A very good spirit was present and everyone was very attentive. Brother Nibley, myself, and Brother Meibos spoke.

Monday, September 24th.

We fasted this morning. At 10 o'clock our ¹⁸preisthood meeting was held. All the brethren expressed themselves with a resolution to become more united and more diligent. I gave some counsel. Later on we laid our hands upon the head of a sister, Sister Asseberg, because of a sickness, and I gave the prayer. I ate with Brother van der Werff again. This afternoon Brothers Platt, Nibley, Springer and I went out looking at organs. We found a few but did not decide which we would take for the branch. This evening we came together in the front yard where we sang a few songs.

Tuesday September 25th.

This morning all of us except Brother Meibos, returned to Rotterdam. Brothers Platt, van der Werff, Venema, Tingen, and Springer were all at the station to say good-bye. Our journey took about 5 hours. On the way back Brother Nibley spoke with a soldier of the Salvation Army. In the office we found 2 missionaries, Brothers Hill and Child. Brother Hill and Brother Nibley know each other well. It also appears, from a postcard, to me that Brother D. H. Christensen with his wife arrived Saturday. He requested that I send a missionary to the station to meet him. Brother de Brij went but he didn't see him.

Thursday, September 27.

I wrote a letter today to Brother George L. Weiler and informed him that he has been appointed president of the Arnhem Conference.

Friday, September 28.

Nothing special today.

Saturday, September 29.

A year ago yesterday I arrived in Rotterdam to begin my mission accompanied by my brothers ^{LEWIS} ~~Louis~~ and Preston on their journey home. Today I took a bath.

Sunday, September 30.

I went at 10 o'clock to the meeting. The speakers were Brothers Hickenlooper, Meibos, and Eardley. The first mentioned speaker spoke but a few words. He didn't speak very good Dutch and also he didn't have enough self confidence. I went back home and at 3 o'clock I went to Sister Limburg's, where Brother De Brij and I ate. At 6 o'clock we went to the meeting where I and Brother De Brij spoke. Afterward we had a branch officer's meeting.

Monday, October 1st.

Today I went into the city to send money to my Brother William in Paris.

Tuesday, October 2nd.

There was not very much to do today.

Wednesday, October 3rd.

This morning I have the monthly report of the various conferences. It made me feel very bad to find that there was only 5 baptisms in the whole mission, one in Arnhem and 4 in Rotterdam. In Amsterdam the missionaries, 3, who went to Paris, have not done much, and the members are finding fault with them for having made this trip.

Thursday, October 4th.

This evening we had asked Brothers Noorda and de Waal to come to the meeting at the office. Brothers De Brij and Noorda came, but the latter said that Brother de Waal felt that it was not necessary to come. His feelings are not right and he is ^{not in harmony with us & Bro Noorda, the branch president,} ~~by no means president of this branch.~~ We talked with Brother Noorda about various ordinations in the priesthood. On my return to my room I heard people screaming behind me and others were running in the street. Eventually three

fire-pump wagons came by being pulled by 15 or 20 men all making as much noise as they could. It was the fire department all ready to put out the blaze. There was, however, no fire so they had to return all tired and worn out.

Friday, October 5th.

This evening at about 9 o'clock I returned to my office from my room where I found Brother de Waal with Brother de Brij and I spoke with them about the selection and ordination of certain ^{bro}thers in the priesthood. He said that he was in agreement with it but his feelings appeared to be not quite in complete agreement with us. Later Brother Noorda, Fluit, Weenig, and Jonjejan came. We have chosen Brother Fluit as second counselor in the presidency of the Rotterdam Branch and Brothers Weenig and Jonjejan as assistants to Brother de Waal in the Sunday School.

Saturday, October 6th.

Brother de Brij and I went to the city where we purchased a ^{mat}trass for the office of the 2nd ward. It is made from kapok and a sort of wool, and cost ¹²~~72~~ ^guilders. Brothers S. W. Parkinson and Forster were here this morning from England on their journey to Paris. This evening at 9 o'clock I talked with Brothers ^{Bul}~~Brij~~ and Zwart in my office about their ordination in the priesthood.

Sunday, October 7th.

This morning at 9:30 I went to my office where I talked with Brothers Dekker, Limburg, H. Noorda, de Haan and Metslaar about their ordination. We had a very good meeting this morning. Eventually Brother de Brij presented the names of all of the Brothers to be ordained and they were all approved. After the meeting I returned to my room. This afternoon I went to Brother Fluit's where I ate. The office of the 2nd ward is in the same house and Brother Eardley also ate with him. Afterwards I went to the meeting there. I and Brother Kragt spoke. Later we went to the 1st ward to attend their priesthood meeting. We ordained the brethren in their various callings. We had a few names to bring before the members which had to be handled because of sin. One name was a Brother Meier,

who had been bad for a long period of time. We proposed disfellowshipment. One of the brothers said that he had already been disfellowshipped, but the books showed nothing of this action. We finally asked for an additional month to determine if he deserved to be excommunicated. Everyone was in agreement with this except Brother de Waal. He was not willing to give him more time, but I believe that he has something against us rather than against this brother. After the meeting Brother de Brij and I went to Sister van de Waal's, where later also other missionaries came. We ate a sandwich there.

Monday, October 8th.

Nothing special has happened today.

Tuesday, October 9th.

This afternoon Brothers Parkinson and Forester came back from Amsterdam where they had gone yesterday morning. They expect to go to Brussels and Paris tomorrow.

Thursday, October 11.

I have been busy as usual today. Brother L. van den Akker arrived here from Brussels with a Brother Emil Pleis who is lame and cannot move himself. Brother van den Akker told me that he has won some friends, even among the ministry, and it appears that the work is making some progress. This evening I went to meeting, where Brothers van den Akker and Whitney and I spoke; Brother Noorda also made a few remarks. In my talk this evening I felt more free than I had previously and spoke fairly long, maybe 15 or 20 minutes. After the meeting there was song practice.

Saturday, October 13.

This morning I took a bath afterwhich I bought a small portmanteau. This afternoon about 4:30 I went from Rotterdam to Arnhem where Brother Weiler met me. We went to the office. Later Brothers Weiler, Lillywhite and I went to Brother Timmerman's where we ate a sandwich. Brother Denkers and I sleep together. It was fairly cold today.

Sunday, October 14.

This morning I received a telegram from President Lyman from Liverpool saying that I should release Brother Van Dyke from his mission and that he must take the ship from Liverpool next Thursday. I went to the telegraph office with Brother Weiler where I telegraphed Brother Van Dyke in Amsterdam. Later I wrote him a letter. At 10:00 they held Sunday School. Brother Jan Emond was in charge. It was not as large this morning as usual but there were quite a few in most of the classes. After Sunday School they had theology class which was lead by Brother Emond. After that Brothers Weiler and Lillywhite and I went to Brother Timmerman's to eat. Brothers Denkers and Weston went elsewhere. This afternoon I spoke with Brother Denkers. He was not satisfied with his situation and that the members were asking him why he had been released as acting president of this conference. He thought that the reason for this was that Brothers Weston and Lillywhite and he had had contentions over Brother Pistorius and what should be done with him. I explained to him that this contention alone was not the reason. He wanted to know exactly why, but I didn't want to tell him that it was because he was not capable of handling the affairs of this conference. Brother Ferrell had said that Brother Denkers appeared to him to be weak in this calling and then he wrote to me concerning Brother Pistorius, and when I first came here I saw clearly enough that he could not direct with enough firmness. He didn't know what to do and ^{ONE} minute was on the side of Brother Pistorius and the next moment on the side of the missionaries. This evening in the meeting ^{boys} boys came in and while the prayer was being said they were speaking and laughing. Brother Weiler told them that they must be quiet. They didn't do so and finally one put up his hand and the other brought forth a cigar. Then Brother Weiler went down for the second time and told them that they would have to leave. One laughed at him and Brother Weiler took him by the neckband and ^{dragged} ~~drag~~ him from the hall. The other one went hastily after and quickly left. All the brothers and sisters stood up. Then we went on with the meeting. Brother Weston and I spoke. After

the meeting Brothers Weiler, Lillywhite and I went up the mountain close by Arnhem where a few members of the Church live. There was a lot of rain and wind and more or less mud. We visited Brother Sluiter, Brother Meeuwessen, and Brother van Leeuwen and their families.

Monday, October 15.

This morning we had breakfast at the office. Later I spoke with Brother Weston because his father had written to President Lyman and Brother Lyman wrote to me regarding his situation and if he could be released early to straighten out. He told me that his situation was not good. Finally I told him that I would release him in December. I spoke with all the missionaries concerning unity in their work, and the necessity for prayer and fasting. I asked them if they had anything against each other and every one said that he felt good about the others. I called Brother Denkers ¹³ to Amsterdam yesterday. Since Brother Pistorius was released from his position the members appear to feel better and to understand the authority in the Church. Brother Pistorius admitted that it was right to remove him from his position, but he is still haughty. I left Arnhem about 12:30. After a visit with Brother Emond. When I got to Amsterdam it began to rain.

Tuesday, October 16.

This morning at about 10:30 I went to the office and found Brothers Lewis and Van Dyke of Amsterdam waiting. Brother Van Dyke left this evening ~~from the~~ ^{VIA THE} "Hook of Holland" and Harwich for Liverpool. He believes that the reason for his release is that his father is very ill and is lame.

Wednesday, October 17.

Today we had quite a bit of rain. At 9:00 this evening I went to the office where there was Brother de Brij, Sisters Maria and Johanna Gerritse and two investigators prepared to be baptised. Their names were Adrianus Hecking and his wife Geeltje Zondervan. I spoke to them about baptism and the necessity of it. That they also must think about the importance of this ordinance and be

prepared to take upon them the name of Jesus Christ and to keep his commandments. Then we went with Brothers Meibos and Hickenlooper, who had just come a fairly long ways up the ~~Red~~^{Rote} River. It was raining the whole time. Then I baptised both of them. It was my first experience at performing this holy ordinance and I had a feeling of joy in doing it. The brothers said to me that while I was baptizing them it was not raining. We then came back and I returned home.

Thursday, October 18.

Brother Lewis went back to Amsterdam about noon and Brother van den Akker came here and then later continued his journey to Brussels. This afternoon I went to the city to run certain errands. This evening I went to the meeting where Brothers Kragt and Meibos spoke. The men and women who were baptized yesterday were confirmed this evening. Brother Meibos confirmed the man and I his ~~husband~~^{WIFE} and Brother Nibley blessed their small child. After the meeting there was a song practice.

Friday, October 19.

Today the weather was beautiful the sun ~~shined~~^{SHONE} so clear.

Saturday, October 20.

This morning I went to the office early and Brothers De Brij, Nibley and I went to the Stock Exchange Station where we caught the train to Eindhoven, arriving there about 12 o'clock. We took a walk around this small city and had something to eat, then took a train to Luik where we arrived about 5 o'clock. We went to the office which was open, but Brother Lee was not at home. He arrived and said that he had gone to the other station to meet us. We ate at the office and all slept in the office as well. This morning Brothers Cheney and Springer came from Ougree. They were well and healthy. At 10:30 we held a German meeting which was led by Brother Springer. Brothers Nibley, de Brij, Springer and I spoke. Brother de Brij and I tried to talk in the German language but it was almost impossible for me and I had to use many Dutch words. Afterwards we all went with Brother Galtz to his house in Ougree where we all ate lunch together. In the meeting this afternoon Brother Lee spoke a few words and then introduced the

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names of the authorities of the Church and of the European and Netherland-Belgium Missions just as in the Luik Conference, he also gave an account of the work during the last 13 months. Afterwards I took the time and was blessed with being able to say some words about the Gospel. Brother de Brij also preached a little but it was a little difficult for him to express himself in the French language. It was a good meeting and well attended. I ate at Brother Galtz' and this evening went with him and Brother and Sister Robisson to Luik. The meeting this evening was also well attended and for the most part with Saints. Brother Lee talked about the Sacrament when it was prepared. Brother Nibley spoke in English language translated by Brother Lee. I followed him taking the remainder of the time I felt less pressured this evening and was able to express myself fairly well. After the meeting we took a walk in the city.

Monday, October 22.

This morning I fasted again. We had priesthood meeting at 10:30 this morning. There was a very good spirit present. This afternoon we ate with Brother Robisson, There is something between Brother and Sister Robisson and Brother Lee that he hasn't shown forth the proper spirit of the gospel towards them, and that he has too much to do with Mrs. Sauglier and her daughter. Meanwhile Brother Lee says that it is out of jealousy that Sister Robisson feels like this, and also that she hasn't handled herself wisely. There is truth to both. Brother Lee has shown a little too much attention to Marie Sauglier, and this with the feelings of this girl and her mother to catch a missionary makes the situation more serious. Sister Robisson has talked much too much with people who are not members of the Church and has strongly judged Brother Lee. This afternoon we went to Seranig where we visited with Sisters Berinx, Carrey and Wiart, and also Celinie Bernard. Sister Berinx was very happy to see us. She is the first member in the Luik conference, found through only tracts. Bro. Springer and I were the first ones to find her. Now she has her son and daughter-in-law investigating the truth. We ate at Sister Wiart's. After that we went to Ougrè, where we had a local

priesthood meeting at 8:00 o'clock, which I led. Bro. Lambert, Lahut, and Robisson had the most to say against Brother Lee in regards to this business with Sister Robisson. Bro. Lee replied a little bitterly. Finally I spoke expressing my feelings that Bro. Lee had been a little careless in the past but that Sister Robisson had not handled herself well towards him, and also that the Bros. of the priesthood were too eager to find fault with the missionaries. After the meeting Bro. Lee had feelings against me because of what I had expressed. Bro. de Brij stayed the night with Bro. Goltz.

Tuesday, October 23rd.

This morning we had breakfast with Bro. Goltz, and then we visited with Sister Lambert, Bro. Van Gestel, and Bro. and Sister Stegen for a few minutes. Then we went to Luik. I spoke with Bro. Lee and he said that he felt that his influence with the local priesthood had been lost when I spoke last evening about his behavior. He could not see that his attentions toward Marie Sanglier were more or less obvious or that he had shown her special attention. We then visited with Bro. and Sister Robisson where we spoke with this sister, and she showed that she had judged Bro. Lee in some matters, and that she was jealous.

This evening Bro. de Brij and I went to Brussels; we had to pay a little more money than usual to go second class on this train, as no travelers could go third class from Luik to Brussels. We walked to Leaken, where the office of the conference is. Bro. van den Akker was not at home. We had something to eat and then went below to Bro. Van Laarhoven, and spent the evening with him, his wife and ¹²there son and daughter. They can speak French as well as Dutch or Flemish as is the case with most of the people in Brussels.

Wednesday, October 24th.

At noon Bro. ^{VAN DEN} ~~Lauman~~ ^{AND I} ~~akker~~ went to Etterbeek on the other side of the city to eat with Sister Bloemen. Afterwards we went to the Colonne du Congrès where we found Bro. de Brij. We then went together to see the palace of Justice and later the Museum de Peinture. We had supper in the office, and Bro. Lee and

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Nibley came while we were there. We then went to ~~Etaerbek~~ where the hall was for our meeting. There were very few present and two investigators and although there were advertisements in the French and Dutch newspapers no strangers came. In spite of that, we had a good meeting. Bro. de Brij, Nibley and I spoke. Bro. Jaspers, who had previously written to me, came late and acted very strange. After the meeting when Bro. de Brij introduced me to him, he called me "Mr." Cannon. Brothers Lee and Nibley slept at Sister Pleiss' and we slept in the office.

Thursday, Oct. 25th.

We went to Schaerbeek this morning where Brothers de Brij, Nibley and I took the train to Antwerp where we stayed about four hours, and saw a few old Catholic Churches and also a museum up the Schelde River. Afterwards we went to Rotterdam and Bro. de Brij got off at Dordrecht.

Friday, October 26th.

Nothing special happened today.

Saturday, October 27th.

This afternoon I went to the Delfts Port Station where I took the train to Amsterdam. It is a journey of about an hour and 45 minutes. Brother S. F. Taylor was at the station to meet me. We then went to the office where I found Brother Lewis. Later Brothers Crezie and Graven came. We had a sandwich before going to bed. Brother Taylor has a room to himself.

Sunday, October 28th.

We had a meeting at ten o'clock this morning. Brothers Lewis and Graven were the speakers. The hall was well filled with saints. After the meeting Brother Taylor and I went to Sister Vilart for a sandwich. Afterward we went to Sunday School and I was pleased to see such a great number of children present. Brother Verham is the director of the Sunday School. During the Sunday School time he asked me to speak to them. Brother Taylor and I ate at the Branch President's, Brother Beima. We had a meeting at 6 o'clock. Brother Taylor and I

out of a closed room. When we decided to take action against him Brother de Waal and 3 or 4 others were contrary to the action, because Brother de Waal felt that we should "show love" for him, even though the previous meeting Brother de Waal wouldn't even agree to give him an additional month to show that he would repent.

spoke. I didn't feel at ease speaking. After the meeting many complimented me because of my attempt to speak in this language. Indeed I was able to learn it quickly. It is through the blessings of the Lord. This evening we visited Sister Dijkstra and Brother and Sister Schippers. By the ⁺later we had a sandwich to eat.

Monday, October 29th.

We had breakfast in the office this morning. Brother Beland Koldewijn came from the other district. This morning I ^{ew}renued the lease for the hall at 109 de Wittenstraat (street) for an additional 3 years with Mister Stefels. Brothers Taylor, Bel, and Koldewijn and I then went to the other district where they have a small hall with an office. And here we had something to eat and Brother Taylor and I returned. My heels are very painful since I was in Brussels and got split skin. This evening we had a meal with Brother van Boerum.

Tuesday, October 30th.

This morning I left for Rotterdam.

Thursday, November 1st.

I was especially busy today.

Saturday, November 3rd.

I went into town today and later I took a bath.

Sunday, November 4th.

I went to fast and testimony meeting this morning, which was a superb meeting. The hall was completely full. A special spirit was present. After the meeting I went with Brother Hecking, whom I baptized, to his home where I talked a little bit with him and his wife. Then I went to my room and at 3 o'clock to Brother Noorda's, where I had a delicious meal. Then we went to the office where we had a prayer and then went to meeting which was completely full. Brother de Waal talked about the sacrament after which Brother Meibos took the remainder of the time. Later on we had a priesthood leadership meeting. We wanted to discuss the matter with Brother ^{MAIER}Myer. He had promised to be here this evening, but he didn't come

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There's something that Brother de Waal has against us and he won't say what it is, but if he continues as at present, it will be bad for him. Eventually we had everyone's voice in the matter. After the meeting Brother de Brij and I went to Brother Noorda's where we ate a sandwich.

Monday November 5th

It has been quite cold today. I have been quite busy in the office and also walked to the city.

Tuesday November 6th

I have also been very busy today. I also feel so much more at ease and happy when I can have lots to do, and ~~that~~ I can accomplish something to further the work of God. It's only that I don't have time to go and visit the brothers and sisters.

Wednesday November 7th

I have been fairly busy today also.

Thursday November 8th

I have had much to do today.

Sunday November 11th

This morning I went to the meeting where Brothers Hickenlooper, Eardley, and Noorda spoke. Afterwards I went with Brother Hecking to his house and had a sandwich. Later I ate at Sister Uittenbagaard where I live, together with Brothers Nibley and Whitney. In this evening's meeting Brother Noorda spoke about the sacrament and Brother Rotstegen and I took the remainder of the time. After the meeting I attended the theology class, and after that I went with Brother Noorda to their house, where Brother de Brij later came, and we had a sandwich. There was a woman with Brother de Brij who has a child by some man who is not married to her. She now wants to investigate the gospel and is convinced that it is true. However, she made a covenant upon her knees with that man that she would always remain true to him. He already has a wife. He has deceived this girl and brought her into sin. Now he doesn't want her to accept the gospel, particularly because the missionaries have said that they must release each other from this covenant. This woman came to Brother Noorda this evening with her child. She is afraid to go home because she thinks with good reason that he will be there and that he is a little desperate. Brothers de Brij and Noorda have just accompanied her home.

Monday November 12th

I have had much to do today. This evening about 8:00 o'clock I went to Sister van der Wal's because it was her daughter's birthday. All the missionaries came there and also the Gerritse Sisters and Sister Brous, and three relatives of Sister van der Wal's. We had a very pleasant evening singing, talking, etc.

Wednesday November 14th

Today Brother Miebos told me that Brother ^{MEIER} ~~Meyer~~ who was excommunicated from the church last Sunday, drowned Monday night. People believe that he became drunk and fell ^{from} ~~into~~ the ^{ice} ~~water~~ in the dark.

This evening Sister Uittenbogaard put a pot-bellied stove in my room, which makes it much more pleasant.

Saturday November 17th

I went into town this morning to cash a postal money order from Brother ^{S. F.} ~~F.~~ S. Taylor

from Amsterdam. Afterward I took a bath and this afternoon I have been busy in the office.

Sunday November 18th

I went to meeting this morning where Brother de Brij, Brother Nibley and I spoke. A very good spirit was present. I went to the office this evening where we had prayer and then went to the meeting. Brother de Waal spoke concerning the sacrament and Brother Miebos took the rest of the time. After the meeting I went with ~~S.~~ van der Wal and her daughter to ~~there~~^{her} house where Brothers Eardley, Kragt, Miebos and Rigby came and we had a sandwich.

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Sister van der Wal is very friendly and gentle and is loved very much by the missionaries.

Tuesday November 20th

I have been busy in the office today. After eating supper this evening I went to Brother Heckuig, where I stayed for two or three hours.

Wednesday November 21st

This evening Brother Whitney came here with Brother S. Springer who had just arrived from Groningen because his father is very sick. His father lives in Wemeldingen in Zeeland. He will sail there early tomorrow.

Thursday November 22nd

I went to the meeting this evening where Brother Fluit, Hickenlooper, de Brij and I spoke. There was a song practice after the meeting.

Friday November 23rd

I just received a telegram from Brother S. Springer from ^{WEMELDINGEN} Veldinger? saying that his father is dead and will be buried tomorrow. He died of apoplexy. I asked Brother de Brij to go there and do everything possible to help him. Brother de Brij had not trusted him.

Saturday November 24th

Today I received a post card from President Lyman which informed me that Elders Robison and Beus will arrive tomorrow to begin their missions. After having eaten this evening I traveled to Dordrecht where Brother Miebos met me. We went to the office first where I saw Brother Nuerings after which we went to Brother C. Visscher's and then to Brother J. Visscher's. These Brethren were not at home, although their wives were there. Later we were able to see Brother C. Visscher. These Brothers have steamboats with which they pull barges up the Rhine and other rivers and make good money. Later we went to Sister Ballegooie's where I stayed the night.

Sunday November 25th

This morning I got up without having had much sleep. The bed was so short and the covers as well that I was cold the whole night. One of Sister Ballegooie's daughters accompanied me to the office this morning where I found Brother Bakker who had returned late yesterday from Rotterdam also Brother Neerings and Dalabout from the local priesthood. We had prayer and then went into the meeting. The hall was quite full. I, Brothers Bakker and Miebos spoke. After the meeting we went to Sister Stuurman's where we ate a sandwich. We then came back to the Sunday School, which is very well organized. Afterwards we went to Sister Sel's to eat. Later we visited Brother C. Visscher.

The hall was filled this evening and there were a few strangers present. A good spirit was in our midst. Brother Bakker spoke about the sacrament. Afterwards I

spoke and then Brother Mieb^es. I felt very ^{much} at ease speaking this evening. Afterwards we went to Sister De Heer's, Brother Barendrecht's and Sister Hauke's. Later we went to Sister Ballegooie's where I stayed.

Monday November 26th

I slept better last night. Sister Ballegooie prepared breakfast for me. From here I went to Mister De Zeeuw's and gave him a few duties and then from there to the office.

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I spoke with the missionaries and then went to the station where I caught the train to Rotterdam. Here I found Brothers Benjamin H. Robison and Charles P. Beus, both young, who arrived here yesterday. Brother Beus felt a little out of place.

Tuesday November ²27th.

Brother de Brij returned last night. He told me that everything went well. He said that Sister Springer, the widow, feels quite well and that she feels happy that her husband died in the Church even though they were both a little weak in the past. The Brethren had also had a few opportunities to hand out tracts and on Sunday they spoke at a Christian meeting. Brother Beus is not very well this morning. He has more fever and headache. He got up and left the office but became dizzy and almost fell, I assisted him and returned him to bed. I, too, have had a headache today and also a pain in my navel. This evening I discovered that my navel is ulcerated and looks pretty bad.

Wednesday November 28th.

This morning I washed my navel and put a little salve on it. I went and visited with Sister Bruin this evening where I stayed for a while.

Thursday November 29th.

Today is Thanksgiving at home. Brother Nibley came to eat with me this evening, then we went to meeting. Brother Springer, who had returned from Wemeldingen, and Brother Nibley spoke. After the meeting Brother Springer and I went to Brother Hecking's home where we ate a sandwich.

Saturday December 1.

This morning I went in to the city to take a bath. Later I was busy in the office.

Sunday December 2nd.

This morning I went to fast and testimony meeting where we had a good gathering. Later I went to the office and then returned to Sunday School. The various classes in the school gave their readings for the Christmas feast. Afterwards Brother Nibley and I went to Sister Pelgrim's to eat. We had soup and bread for dinner. In the meeting this evening Brother Rigby, Whitney, and de Brij spoke. After that we had priesthood meeting. There was a better spirit present. Brother Nibley and I then went to Sister Van Der Wal to eat a sandwich.

Monday December 3rd.

The monthly report from the Conferences began to arrive this morning. All the missionaries were invited to Brother Schütze because his daughter was married to Brother van Anvooy. We went there and found the room was decorated with plants and paper chains of various colors. We had things to eat, ?, songs, etc. It is a tradition here that for about two weeks before the wedding to invite friends and relatives to come various evenings and to eat and drink for almost the whole evening. It is therefore very costly.

Thursday December 4th.

Today I sent Brother Springer to Utrecht to work for a few days. This evening I went with Brother Nibley to Mister Meggelen's who had been investigating the gospel a little bit. They have beautiful rooms and a piano and organ. Brother Nibley played them. We spoke with him and his wife about the gospel, but they are so possessed with the idea that faith is enough; that even though baptism was necessary for the remission of sins in the time of Christ it is no longer necessary except for small children.

Wednesday December 5th.

This morning when I got up I had a sore throat.

This morning I went to the city. This evening Saint Nicholas comes to the children, which is the same as we have with our Christmas and Santa Claus in America, when the parents give presents to there children in the name of Saint Nicholas. This evening Sister Uittenbogaard dressed all up in white clothing and a white cap and a mask then came in the house where the children were very frightened. She told them that they had been disobedient and that they had to be better in the future. Then Saint Nicholas gave them some treats and the parents gave presents.

Thursday December 6th.

Today my cold is worse. I went to the city this morning. This evening Sister Uittenbogaard made some hat lemonade for my cold.

Friday December 7th.

Brothers Nibley and Rigby came to visit me for a short time this evening, because they were at Sister Uittenbogaards to speak with a girl here, Lena Strong, and her sweetheart this evening. Sister Uittenbogaard made some lemonade for me again this evening.

Saturday December 8th.

Last evening Brother v.d. Akker arrived with Sister Octavie Pleiss of Brussels for the Conference. This morning Brothers Platt, De Leeuw, Postma, the latter being a member of the church in Groningen, arrived from Groningen. Brothers Taylor, Lewis, Denkers, Bel, Graven, Koldewijn arrived from Amsterdam with Sister Aaltje Russner.

Sunday December 9th.

This morning I went to the office where all the missionaries were gathered including Brothers Wyler and Lillywhite who arrived yesterday evening. We had prayer and then went to the "Excelsior Hall" in St. Jan Street which is quite spacious. Brother Venema also arrived from Friesland. The hall was filled with saints and friends. The speakers were Brothers Benema, S.F. Taylor, and v.d. Akker. A statistical report of the work in this Conference during the past nine months was read as well as the General Authorites of the Church, from the European and Netherland-Belgium Mission, and the Rotterdam Conference and branch. Brothers Nibley, Meibos, Eardly, and Rigby sang a song. After the meeting I went to Brother Heckings where I had a sandwich. Latter I ate supper with Brothers de Brij and Hickenlooper at Sister Uittenbogaard's. I went to the office this evening. We had prayer and then we walked to the "Caledonia" hall where our evening meeting was going to be held. This hall is located on Haringvliet. *It* ~~She~~ is a pretty hall and larger then "Excelsior". The meeting was well attended with barely enough seats, there was a good spirit in our midst. I, Brothers Nibley, Denkers, and de Brij were the speakers. Brothers Nibley, Meibos, Hickenlooper, Eardley and Rigby sang "O My Father" very beautifully. I went to Sister de Lange after the meeting for a sandwich. Brothers Taylor, Lewis and Lillywhite, and a few of the saints from Dordrecht were also there.

Monday December 10th.

This morning I fasted again.

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At 10:00 o'clock we had priesthood meeting for all the missionaries in our own hall. There were 24 missionaries present. There was spirit of unity with us and every one expressed the desire to do more from this time forth. We were gathered for about 4 ½ hours. I had dinner at about 5:00 o'clock this evening. Later I went for a small walk.

Tuesday December 11th.

I talked with the presidents of the various conferences today regarding the affairs of their particular areas. Most of the missionaries left today.

Thursday December 13th.

Last Sunday I received a letter from ^{LEWIS} Louis M. bringing me the sad news that Emily is very sick with her stomach. Another letter came today informing me that she is a little bit better, but not as much as we might wish.

Friday December 14th.

This morning Lena Strong, who lives with Sister Uittenbogaard, came and asked me if she could be baptised tomorrow evening. I was very surprised at this because I thought that she was still not sure of the truthfulness of the gospel. She will be moving Monday and wishes before that time to be a member of the Church. Later I spoke to Brother Nibley about this because he had talked with her. He thinks that it is too fast and that she is not ready yet to be baptised. I talked with her and her boyfriend this evening about the mission of the prophet Joseph Smith and of the baptism for the dead. It is strange that she has no questions about the gospel and is in agreement with all of its principles. I said to her that I thought it would be better to earnestly think about this undertaking and wait a while but she was not satisfied with that.

Saturday December 15th.

I took a bath today. Lena Strong came to the office to talk further about the gospel. I wished that Brother Nibley could have been there, but he had gone to eat and while he was gone she came. Brother de Brij and I talked with her about tithing and other commandments. She said that she was desirous to be baptised. Finally we decided that she would be baptised this evening even though her character is a little strange and she doesn't always express her feelings. Brother Nibley is not satisfied with the decision ^{BECAUSE} while he believes that she is not yet ready.

Sunday December 16th.

Brother Eardley, ~~Mabos~~ and Nibley talked this morning in meeting. I confirmed Lena Strong. Brother de Brij and I ate at Sister Gerritse this afternoon. This is a very pleasant and respectable family, especially two of the daughters are very good and intelligent. Brother de Brij and I spoke in the meeting this evening. Afterwards, I went to Sister Leinburg's.

Monday December 17th.

Today I was busy in the office.

Tuesday December 18th.

This evening I went to Brother S. Bosgieter where I spent the entire evening. I forgot to mention that a Sister Maree Bogaard arrived last Friday from London to visit her parents. She worked there in the conference building. Now she is going to America to Utah. She left here for London on Tuesday.

Saturday December 22nd.

Brother Jos. Weston received his release and left today for England where he will

stay for a time to visit and to gather genealogy. Nothing special happened this week, however I have been very busy.

Sunday December 23rd.

Today is the birthday of the prophet Joseph Smith who was born 95 years ago. When ever we look back on this time it is a testimony that he was raised up by the Lord to be a mighty instrument in his hands in the restoration of the Church of Jesus Christ. It has been very misty and cold today. In the meetings today Brother Nibley and Meibos spoke in the morning and Brother de Brij in the evening meeting. The meetings were especially filled and a good spirit abounded. I stayed after the meeting for the Theology class. Afterward I went with Brother Norda to his house where Brother de Brij also came and we had a sandwich.

Monday December 24th.

It has been misty and damp today also. The cold is very penetrating. I have been kept very busy today.

Tuesday December 25th.

Today is Christmas. This morning I went to the office. At 2:30 I went to Brother Hecking's where I ate with him and his wife. Later I returned to the office and at 5:30 Brothers Rigby, Hickenlooper and I went to the "Excelsior Hall". We found this spacious hall completely filled with children and parents and strangers. Of the later there were 30 to 40. This meeting is a Christmas party given by the Sunday School. Questions and answers about the gospel were given by the various classes, also recitations, songs, etc. and cookies, lemonade, oranges, etc. were given to the children, also a present for every one. For the poor children the present was some type of clothing which was made by the Relief Society. There was a Christmas tree with burning candles which the children thought was delightful.

Wednesday December 26th.

Today is the "second day of Christmas", which is also a holiday here. This afternoon, having been invited, I went to Sister Holtkamp with Brothers Nibley and Whitney to eat.

Friday December 28th.

I recieved a letter from my sister Mamie this morning. Emily had also written in it that she was better. They sent me 12 pounds as a Christmas present. This week I have been very busy in the office.

Saturday Decmeber 29th.

Today after having taken a bath, I went to the Rotterdam Bank that is on the "Boompjes" but it was closed.

Sunday December 30th.

Brother Kragt and I spoke in the meeting this morning. It was very difficult to express myself therefore I didn't speak very long. It happens that sometimes the words of this language that I want to use come very easily. At other times it is very difficult to find the words that I want to use. I went back to my room after the meeting where Sister Uittenbogaard prepared a sandwich for me. I went to Brother Fluit's of the other branch to eat this afternoon. I went there to the evening meeting where Brother Eardly and I spoke. I was able to speak more freely this evening. After the meeting I stayed for the Theology class and afterwards Brothers Early, Kragt, and I went to Sister Martin's where we had a sandwich. I then came back to my room. It rained very hard and there was a lot of wind this evening.

Monday December 31st.

I went to the Rotterdam Bank today where I got the money from a bill of exchange. Afterward I purchased a few things. Sister Uittenbogaard went to her mothers in Godegraven, and her niece "Auntek" prepared my meal. Brothers Nibley and Whitney went to Amsterdam this afternoon to make a visit.

Tuesday January 1st, 1901.

Today is the first day of the new year and also of the new century, the 20th. It is natural that the thoughts return to the happenings of the past year and also to everything that ^{has} happened in the 19th century. During this century the situation became such that the time was right for the restoration of the true gospel of Jesus Christ which was brought back through the power and authority of the Lord through his faithful servant Joseph Smith under his direction. Therefore all those who have been able to see this light and value it have reason to be very thankful that through the blessings of the Lord they are able to live in this period of time and partake of the gifts and grace of this eternal plan. It is my earnest wish that during this coming year, and throughout my whole life I may be more faithful in this alliance and that I will always be of greater value in the Church of God. I have been in the office almost the entire day. Many name cards have come from the saints for me and the other missionaries. After having eaten, I went with Brother de Brij over the Maas River to Feijenoord, where he visited with Brother Egge and I with Sister Brouws. Sister Lena Brouws, the daughter, was not at home but I visited with her mother and her father. The later is not a member of the church. He thinks that we have the truth more or less, but he drinks sometimes and is enjoying investigation. Later, Sister Lena Brouws, who is a very faithful sister came in with 5 other sisters, Three of whom heard the gospel the first time through the testimony of Sister Brouws. It has been very cold today.

Thursday January 3rd.

When I went to the office this morning I found a letter from President Schulthess of the German Mission, in which he wrote me that they are going to have a conference of all the missionaries in the German mission beginning tomorrow in Leipzig, and that it will last for 4 days namely January 4, 5, 6, and 7th. The first day will be devoted to hearing the reports of the missionaries, the second day will be a general administrative reporting of the work and questions and answers, the third day, Sunday, there will be 3 meetings, one in the morning for the saints and in the afternoon and the evening for friends and strangers. Monday, the 7th there will be assignments for the missionaries to new work areas and in the evening a concert. There are quite a number of members of the church in Berlin and Leipzig who have studied music quite extensively. Brother Schulthess gave me a very warm and friendly invitation to attend this conference, saying that it would be pleasant for everyone if at all possible that I be there. He wrote that if I could come I should telegraph him in Berlin before this afternoon but I didn't receive the letter until this afternoon. He didn't give me the address in Leipzig either. I went to the station and found that I would not be able to buy a round trip ticket before tomorrow afternoon and from the train schedule I found that I would not arrive in Leipzig before Saturday; thus two days of the conference would already be gone. I also have much work to do with the yearly reports which must be prepared to be sent to Liverpool by next week. I therefore decided not to go to Germany. Brothers Nibley and Whitney arrived back from Amsterdam today. I was in a meeting this evening. Brother Whitney and Meibos were the speakers.

Friday January 4th.

I have been very busy in the office today preparing the reports.

Saturday January 5th.

It has been extremely cold today.

Sunday January 6th.

It is presently colder than it was yesterday. There is a very strong wind which is terribly penetrating. This morning I went to the fast and testimony meeting. During the meeting there was a joyous spirit present and many strong testimonies were given. After the meeting I returned to my room. This afternoon I went to Sister Grondel's to eat. Afterwards I ^{WENT} to the office and having written a letter to Brother van dan Akker I went to the meeting. Brothers de Brij and Nibley were the speakers this evening. After that we had the regular priesthood meeting, and I directed a few words to the Brethren, particularly the young teachers, in regard to their duties. After the meeting I went ^{WITH} to the other missionaries to Sister Limbergs where we had a celebration for the birthday of one of her daughters.

Thursday January 10th.

During the previous days of this week nothing special happened; only I was busy in the office with the yearly reports, to get them prepared to send to President Platte de Lyman. It has been very cold and there is ice on the ^{NOTICE} Red River and everything is frozen. This evening Sister Uittenbogaard, who has been sick for about a week, asked me to anoint her. She hasn't had much faith in the past but it appears that she is coming to a deeper value. I have been to the meeting which is now over and brought back Brother de Brij and Nibley. Brother de Brij anointed Sister Uittenbogaard and I sealed the anointing.

Friday January 11th.

This morning when I arrived at the office I found a telegram from President Schulthess saying that Brother Winn would be arriving from Germany to sail to America. Later Brother Winn arrived. Sister Uittenbogaard is noticable better today. She slept very well and the fever is almost gone. She has reason to be ^{VERY} thankful to the Lord for this blessing.

Saturday January 12th.

I took a bath today but first I went into the city. This evening Brother Winn left by Grimsby-boat to Liverpool on his journey to Utah. There was a lot of mist this evening.

Sunday January 13th.

Has also been very cold and misty today. This morning I went to the meeting where Brothers Eardly and Fluit, the later being the counselor in the presidency of the branch, and I were the speakers. After the meeting I went to the office and later returned to my room. I met Sister Uittenbogaards mother. She arrived today from the town of Bosgraven. I ate at Sister Limbergs this afternoon with Brother Nibley. Afterwards, we went to the office and from there to the meeting. This evening Brothers Nibley and J. De Waal, who is the counselor in the presidency took up the time. After that I went with Brother Noorda for a sandwich.

Monday January 14th.

Last night Sister Uittenbogaard had a lot of pain in her back and stomach. Cor, her daughter, called to her aunt who sleeps above them by this I was awakened. I went back and Cor, who had gone to get some water for her mother, saw me in the darkness and was frightened. She screamed and ran to her mother and the glass of water got spilt on the bed. Today I sent the statistical report for the Netherlands-Belgium Mission for the year 1900 to President Platte De Lyman in Liverpool. It shows the situation as follows: 70's from Zion 26 - lady missionaries 1 - local elders 6 - total 33 - local priesthood 130 - members 1,092 - total 1,222 - children 436 - total number of souls 1,664 - Baptised 159 - emigrated to Zion 46 - gospel discussions 8,538 - tracts distributed 21,889 - books distributed 717 - meetings held; inside 2,611 - meetings held; in the open air 9 - there are six conferences in this mission, 4 in Holand and two in Belgium: Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Groningen, Arnhem, Liege, Brussels. The conference Presidents at present are Hendrik De Brij, Stanley F.

Taylor, Joseph C. Platte, George L. Weiler, Milton L. Lee, and Leendert van den Akker. The number of members baptised in 1899 is 278 but during this year 1900 - 16 missionaries, half of our entire number were released and 16 new missionaries arrived during the year also those who were conference presidents in 1899 were released in 1900 and 4 of the present presidents arrived in 1900. It can be seen that the mission was not in a position to make much progress.

Tuesday January 15th.
I had a headache today.

Friday January 18th.

I have had a headache now for 4 days, it was particularly bad last night. Today I found out that I also have a cold. We prepared the tithing report today with a list of those who paid tithing in this mission in 1900, and also a balance sheet, both of which I sent to Liverpool. Brother L. T. Whitney did the figuring. It shows that we had a net increase of 267 guilders during the year 1900. I also had a balance sheet prepared on the first of October 1900 which showed that we had at that time a net loss of 185 guilders, so during the last three months we actually had 452 guilders come in.

Saturday January 19th.

I took a bath this morning and this afternoon was busy in the office.

Sunday January 20th.

This morning I went to the meeting where Brothers Rigby, Kragt~~z~~ and Meibos took the time. After the meeting Sister Uittenbogaards niece prepared a sandwich for me. I also had my dinner here. In the meeting this evening Brothers Nibley and J. De Waal spoke. Afterwards I went to Sister van der Wal who along with her daughter Antje haven't been in a meeting for a period of time. I found them both sick with colds and some fever and a headache. Later Brothers Eardley and Kragt~~z~~ came. I had a fun time. These sisters are very gentle and lovable and very thoughtful and good toward the missionaries.

Tuesday January 22nd.

This morning I signed a contract for the rent of a used organ for the second branch; and should everything go well we will buy it. This afternoon Brother Nibley and I went to Delfshaven where there are two families of shipers whose ships have been frozen in the ice and they cannot move them. They are members of the Church and come from Amsterdam. The city Delfshaven is the place from where our fathers left in the Mayflower to sail to America to have more religious freedom. We saw the old church where-in they slept on the benches before they left. We returned on the steam train.

Thursday January 24th.

A post card from Ada came today saying that Wm. is better and that he is now able to ~~do~~ walking although it tires him very much. He contracted the chicken pox in December and had to go to the hospital, from that his heart, ^{which} ~~is~~ already ^{was} weak became more weakened. He got out of the hospital but his heart and his whole body have become very weak. This afternoon I sent a money order to Ada and later I wrote to her.

Friday January 25th.

This evening having been invited by them, I went to Sister Adelar's and her family. They live in Feijnoord, across the Maas River. The family used to be Catholic, but now the mother and 4 daughters have been baptised into our Church, the father almost converted to the truth, another daughter who is married is desirous of being baptised. I went to their house and when I arrived I found they were having a party, all the missionaries were present and some of the other members. It was a big surprise for me and I believe it was also a surprise for this family. We had an enjoyable evening with recitations, songs, etc. On our way back it rained heavily and I got completely

He told me that it may be possible that he will go to Utah this year and wanted my counsel on the matter. I said that he had to be convinced for himself. It is a good desire to be gathered with the people of the Lord, but he also has a mission to fulfill here as president of the branch.

Monday January 28th.

Today I heard that through the high tides and strong winds the water came upon to the streets last night. It was right across on the other side of the Hoogstraat, which is actually a dike, but this side of the street was preserved. Brother Herman Martin came to the office today and asked me to come to Sister Schrader's this evening. Brother Noorda came to see me this evening, because he couldn't find any missionaries at the office and Brother Hecking desired to have one of his children anointed. We went together and he anointed the child and I sealed the anointing. Afterward I returned to my room and then later went to Sister Schrader's. Young Brother Martin goes around with her daughter Sister Marie Chabot, and her mother is very much against it. They both have more or less bad luck. He is young and prejudged to be kind of slow by this girl and her family.

Tuesday January 29th.

I received a letter from President J. L. McMurrin this morning asking if I intended to hold several conferences in the near future beginning with Amsterdam. I promptly wrote him back that it was not my intention to hold conferences one right after the other but I would be able to arrange it if it would be better for him while traveling our entire mission.

Wednesday January 30th.

This evening I went to Brother Hecking's, his child was not very good. He could not find any missionaries so I anointed and blessed the child.

Thursday January 31st.

Today I went into the city. This evening I went to the meeting where Brother Meibos took up the time. Afterward there was song practice.

Friday February 1st.

The young man from Delft with whom Brother de Brij and I had discussed the gospel came to the office this afternoon. He brought the Book of Mormon with him having read a good portion of it. He said that he has become convinced of the truthfulness of the gospel and desires to be baptised. Brother de Brij talked with him later and we set a week from Saturday as the time for him to be baptised. I had asked Brothers Eardley, Kragt, Sister Marten and her son Herman to come to the office this evening. They all came except Sister Marten. Brother de Brij was also present. We talked with Brother Marten about his obligations as a deacon and Sunday school teacher and also in regards to his mother. He is young and a little stubborn and doesn't see his situation very well. We showed him however that he could truly court this young lady and still fulfill his obligations in the gospel and that his obligations in the gospel were the most important thing.

Saturday February 2nd.

Today I went to the city to cash two money orders at the Stocks and Exchange Bank. Later I took a bath.

Sunday February 3rd.

This morning we had fast and testimony meeting where-in there was a very delightful spirit. Afterwards I went to the office and from there to my room. I ate at Sister Limburg's this afternoon. In the meeting this evening Brother de Brij used the entire time. Afterward we had priesthood meeting, and then I went to Brother Noorda's for a sandwich.

Monday February 4th.

At 11:00 o'clock this morning Sister Martin came to the office to talk with us about this business between her and her son. We talked with her for a long time but still she was not willing to do as we counseled. She doesn't want her son courting Sister Marie Chabot. Afterward I talked with Brother William Singer about the money I had received for him to get him released from the military service. This evening Brothers de Brij, Nibley and I ate with Brother Hecking where we had mutton. This is the first time that I have had mutton since my arrival in Holand. For one reason or another it is almost never eaten even though it is inexpensive. This evening I went to Sister de Lange's and gave her a little money which was a present given by Brother Roelofs.

Tuesday February 5th.

I went to an investigators with Brother Kragt this evening, where we spent a very pleasant evening. He is a very intelligent man and if he will go forth with his investigation in humility he will become convinced of the truth.

Wednesday February 6th.

Today there are a lot of flags and orange colors displayed to the honor of the Queen, Wilhelmina who will be married in Hague tomorrow to Prince Hendrik of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. At noon Brother George L. Wyler arrived from Arnhem. This afternoon Brothers Nibley and Wyler, and later, Brother de Brij and myself went to the Hague. Brother de Brij and I went through the city to the palace. They were having a large banquet, and we saw some of the very influential people going into the palace. On the route where the newly weds will travel were decorations and especially columns with green Pine branches. Above the streets were strings of green branches tied with white bands. Afterward we went around the city and finally to Sister Ballegooie's where we ate and slept. This family had just moved here from Dordrecht. The father is not a member of the Church but he is friendly.

Thursday February 7th.

This morning after having eaten, we went into the city to the palace. There were soldiers along the streets on both sides. At about 11:15 the bride and groom entered the palace going from top to bottom where they were civilly married. Afterward the Cortège proceeded to the church where the couple were to be blessed. First there were the guards on horses followed by the head director of the ceremony in a coach, and then seven or eight stately coaches with royalty in them. Every coach was being pulled by six horses, a jockey was on one of the lead horses and there was a footman for every horse and a doorman for every door. On the coach of the bride and groom called the golden coach, was a coachman with eight horses and footman, and doormen. All these servants were in beautiful clothing reminiscent of old times. In the golden coach was Queen Wilhemina, Prince Hendrik, and the Queens mother. The Queen is very beautiful and appears to be sweet and good. After they had received the blessing they were given a hundred-and-one gun salute. We were also able to see them very clearly on their return trip. The Queen and Prince Hendrik were together in the golden coach.

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We went back to Sister Ballegooie's, and on the way we met Brothers Nibley, Weiler, and Hickenlooper. There was also a parade of soldiers who had taken part in the ceremonies. At Sister Ballegooie's we found the Meibos brothers, "Kz'n" and "Hz'n". We had dinner and then went with Mr. Ballegooie to see the ornamentation in the big church, but it was closed. From here I went to the station. The Queen and Prince Hendrik left this afternoon for "Het Loo". There was a great crowd at the station and it was almost impossible to get into the train. I had to stand the whole trip. I went to the office in Rotterdam and from there to my room where I found that Sister Uittenbogaard had gone to the Hague she soon returned however and prepared me something to eat.

Friday February 8th.

This morning I went into the city to exchange some money. After that I was busy in the office. This evening I took a bath.

Saturday February 9th.

I was busy for some time in the office today, from there I went to the city where I sent some money to my Brother William. At the same time I wrote him that because of his poor health he was being honorably released from his mission to return to Utah. His heart and system are very weak particularly since his sickness. After that, I went to the Delfts port station where I met Brothers Nibley, Whitney and Hickenlooper and we left for Amsterdam. Having arrived there we walked to the office where we found Brothers Taylor, Graven, and Kragt, the later having arrived today from Rotterdam. We had something to eat and later took a stroll through the city. I slept in the office tonight.

Sunday February 10th.

All the missionaries came this morning and we had prayer at 10:00 A.M. we held the first meeting of this conference. The hall was almost completely filled. Particularly on the mens side all the space was taken up. The speakers this morning were Brothers Taylor, Crezee, myself, Brothers Denkers and Weiler. After the meeting I talked with Brother J. B. Bernards about his emigration and said to him that I hoped there would be an opportunity for him to leave on the 18th. Later, Brother Bel, a missionary talked with me and Brother Taylor, conference president and informed us that about a month ago when he was in the home of a member of the church a young lady came to him and gave him a kiss, and without thinking he kissed her back. He said that he has had no peace this week. He has asked forgiveness of her and asked that we forgive him, which I was prepared to do seeing he had experienced such remorse over this. Brother Taylor ^{and I} had a sandwich at Brother and Sister Kesselaar's. We then went for a walk with Brother Kesselaar. Having returned, we had the afternoon meal with him, and then returned to the office. In this evenings meeting Brother van den Akker spoke concerning the sacrament, and brothers Nibley, Lewis and Venema spoke. The hall was almost completely full and very warm. During the meeting a sister fainted and there was a lot of disturbances. A man spoke a little bit and it appeared as though the adversary did his best to disrupt the meeting. Toward the later part of the meeting however, there seemed to be a better spirit present. There were about 35 strangers present this evening. After the meeting Brother Taylor and I went to Brother Schippers' where we had a sandwich.

Monday February 11th.

This morning at 10:00 o'clock we had priesthood meeting for the missionaries at which 16 were present. They each gave reports of there work and finally I spoke to them concerning various points. After the meeting we had a sandwich at the office. Later, Brother Taylor and I went to the city, then by Brother A. Rond where we found Brother Venema. We ate there. Afterward we visited with Sister Idzenga and Brother and Sister H. Noorda. We then went to the sisters meeting

where we spoke for a short time. There were only 6 sisters present. We then went to Sister Russner's, whose daughter is sick, and had a sandwich.

Tuesday February 12th.

This morning Brother Taylor and I went to the Rijks-Museum after I had talked for a short time with Brother Weiler about affairs in Arnhem. This museum is very beautiful; there are some of the most famous paintings here. I enjoyed the visit very much. The finest painting in the museum is by Rembrandt van Ryn who lived in Amsterdam it is named the "Night Watch", but is actually a theatre scene of "Arquebusiers" coming out of their house in the day-light. We then returned through the snow to the office and from there, having eaten, I went to the station. After having arrived in Rotterdam I went to the office where I found Elders Stevens and Bragonje who had just arrived in the mission field. Brother Stevens became sick some time ago while traveling and is still not healthy. I then went to my room.

Wednesday February 13th.

This morning Brother Roghaar, who also just arrived on his mission, came to the office. Sister De Bruin's son came to the office today to tell me that Sister Autje van der Wal died this morning. This is terrible and unexpected news. I hadn't seen her for a week and a half but at that time she was better. Her sickness was a rapid consumption of the lungs. Last night the missionaries went there and anointed her. After that she became more restful without tightness of the chest. She died as though she were going to sleep. Brother Whitney and I went immediately to her mother who was very bereaved. Her sister was there with her. We spoke with her and she felt very grieved. She said that before Autje died she spoke to her mother and said that if her mission here on earth had been fulfilled, she would still have another mission in the other world to undertake. I also saw Autje's body it appeared as though she was sleeping. Later Brothers Meibos "Hz'n" and Hickenlopper came to Sister van der Wal's. (see also ~~last~~ Friday)

Thursday February 14th.

It snowed heavily today. I went into the city and was hit by a number of snowballs thrown by boys. Brother De Brij^{and I} went to Sister van der Wal's and stayed with her for a long time. Later I went to "the white house", to request her nieces to come and do some needle work for her. They live on the ninth floor. One was not well. They gave me a very friendly reception and wanted me to have something to eat. From there I went to the office and then to my room.

Friday February 15th.

(I forgot to say that Wednesday evening Brother Nibley and I went to Juff. Hollander's, Sister Uittenbogaard's sister where we spent a very enjoyable evening talking with her and her husband about the gospel. She wanted to have her child "baptised" (by sprinkling) out of habit even though she is nearly convinced that it is of no value and not according to the teachings of the Bible) This afternoon Brother De Brij and I purchased a wreath for all the Rotterdam missionaries to be placed on the casket. I took a bath this evening.

Saturday February 16th.

This morning we and the missionaries all gathered together in the office, where Brothers De Brij, Nibley, Meibos, Eardley, Whitney, and Rigby put on white gloves and ties in order to be pall bearers. We went to Sister van der Wal's in two vehicles. Her brothers-in-law and brother and one sister were there. We stayed there for some time and finally I asked Brother Nibley to offer a prayer before we left. The coffin was then opened for the last time and Sister van der Wal went over to it and kissed the face of the deceased until I led her away. The face was not as attractive today and the body had also changed more or less. We all went to

the church yard in vehicles except Sister van der Wal and her sister. There were many members of the church that also went to the grave. Six missionaries were pall bearers. At the grave side Brother De Brij said a few words and Brother Meibos offered the prayer. The brother-in-law of Sister van der Wal thanked everyone and we then went back to Sister van der Wal's where we had something to eat and drink. Later I came to the office and was busy for the whole afternoon. This evening Brothers De Brij and Bragonje came to me and said to me that my brother William and Ada had just arrived from Brussels. I returned with them to the office. William looked thin and was also weak. We then went to the Coomaus Hotel where William and Ada stayed tonight.

Sunday February 17th.

This morning it had snowed. I went to the meeting where William and Ada also came. I and Brother Meibos spoke. Afterward we went to my room where we had a sandwich and later the midday meal. This evening we went to the meeting where, after Brother de Wal spoke about the sacrament, Brother Bragonje, William, Ada, and Brother De Brij spoke. Brother De Brij translated for William and Ada. After the meeting we went to Brother Noorda's where we had a sandwich and then went to the Hotel.

Monday February 18th.

This morning I went to the hotel and William and I went out and purchased tickets to London. We then returned and all of us went walking in the city and then went to the office where we had a sandwich. Later we went to my room where we had the evening meal. About 9:45 P.M. went with vehicle to the hotel where we paid the bill, put the luggage in the vehicle and went to the Delftsche Poort Station. Brothers Nibley, Roghaar, and Whitney came later just in time to say farewell.

Tuesday February 19th.

This evening I was in the meeting where Brothers Whitney, Rigby and Roghaar took the time.

Friday February 22nd.

This evening I went with Brothers Nibley and Roghaar ^{to} behind Sister Uittenbogaards' to talk with her niece - "TantK" about the gospel. It is amazing the change which has come over her. About 5 or 6 months ago she was a little bitter toward us and said "I shall never become a Mormon" now she says she is not sure if she will change or not, and she listens gladly to the principles of the gospel.

Saturday February 23rd.

This morning I went to the office and found there a letter from my sister Emily in which she announced to me that she is engaged to Brother I.E. Willey. This is happy news although it is not unexpected. President McMurrin wrote that he will be here next week when we have a conference in Arnhem. After having eaten this evening I went to Dordrecht where I found Brother Bakker at the station and Brothers De Brij and Meibos Hz'n at the office. This evening at 9 o'clock 3 baptised. We went out quite aways along a dike and they were baptised by Brother Meibos in water on which there was ice. Later Brother de Brij and I went to Brother C. Visser's to sleep.

Sunday February 24th.

This morning we ate and then went to the office and from there to the hall in the Cornelis de Witt street which was rented for today. It is a spacious hall and was fairly full. A few strangers were present. Brother de Brij and Bakker were the speakers. Three people were confirmed and 2 children blessed. After the meeting Brothers Bakker, De Brij and I went to Sister de Jeer's where we had a sandwich. From here we went to the Sunday School. Later Brother De Brij and I had our midday meal with Brother C. J. Neerings. We then went to visit Sister

Henke and then to the hall which was well filled, with approximately 25 strangers being present. Myself and Brother Meibos spoke this evening. There was a very good spirit present. I felt very good and spoke quite a long time eventhough I became quite tired speaking so long in this language. After the meeting we talked for a time with some of the strangers and then went to Brother J. Visser's for a sandwich, later we went to Brother C. Visser's to sleep.

Monday February 25th.

This morning we got up a little late and had breakfast with Brother Visser. We then went to M. de Zeeuw's where I purchased books and gave the order to have more tracts printed. We went from here to the river and then returned to the office. I then came to Rotterdam. This afternoon I had Trijenj Kap and Wm. Singer to make everything clear regarding there emigration to America tomorrow.

Tuesday February 26th.

Brother J. B. Bernards and his 2 sons came from Amsterdam to the office this morning. We had certain necessary papers to sign so that he could emigrate to America. This evening I went through the Willemskade where the Grimsby-boat was docked. There I found Brothers Bernards and Singer. Trijntje Kap accompanied by Brother Hickenlooper arrived shortly afterwards, they took places in the third class. Some of the brothers and sister were there to say farewell.

Wednesday February 27th.

This evening I went with Brother Nibley to visit with Miss Holander, Sister Uittenbogaard's sister, about the gospel. We had a very pleasant evening there.

Thursday February 28th.

Today Brother Johannes Egge came to the office to receive instruction regarding emigration. This evening I went to the meeting where Brother Meibos had a telegram for me from President J. L. McMurrin saying that he will be arriving tomorrow morning. The speakers this evening were Brothers Nibley and Hickenlooper.

Friday March 1st, 1901.

It rained continuously this morning. I arose early and went to the Harwich-boat, which arrived at 8:30 A.M. President McMurrin and Sister Josephine Booth of the Scottish conference were on board. We took a vehicle to my room where Sister Uittenbogaard had fixed breakfast. Later we went to the office where most of the missionaries were. Afterward Brother Nibley and I went with Brother McMurrin and Sister Booth around the city. We had supper in my room this evening Sister Booth went to Sister Limburgs to sleep.

Saturday March 2nd.

This morning I went to Sister Limburgs to bring Sister Booth back for breakfast but she had already had breakfast. From my room we went to the office and Brother Nibley took Sister Booth to the Hague. It was late when they returned. Brother McMurrin and I had something to eat in my room. Afterward Brother McMurrin, Sister Booth, and I went by train to Arnhem. After we arrived, Sun hotel where we rented 2 rooms. From here we went to number 6 Wal street where we found many missionaries gathered. Here we had something to eat and then returned to the hotel. WENT TO THE

Sunday March 3rd.

This morning we went to the office in the hall there. The hall was quite full. There were 27 missionaries present including myself. Brother J. H. Meibos spoke concerning the sacrament, and the other speakers were Brother McMurrin, Sister Booth, and Brother Bel. The first two spoke in English which was translated by Brother De Brij. After the meeting Brother Weiler and I along with Brother McMurrin and Sister Booth went for a walk in the park and then we went to Brother Nuck's to eat, Brother Meibos Kz'n was here so Brother Weiler went with the elders

to eat. In meeting this evening, which was held in a beautiful hall the "Lagegebouw", Brother McMurrin, Sister Booth, and I spoke. The hall was completely full and there were about 25 strangers present. After the meeting we went to the office to eat a little bit and then went to the hotel.

Monday March 4th.

At 10:00 A.M. we had priesthood meeting. A good spirit prevailed during the meeting everyone expressed there unity and love for each other with the resolution to go forth with renewed power in the work to which we have been called, in conclusion Presiden McMurrin spoke with great power. He urged everyone to be more faithful from this time forth than they had ever been, ^{because} ~~while~~ he was not satisfied with the report that he had heard. In particular he urged the young missionaries to put forth greater effort saying that they should begin to engross themselves in the work as quickly as possible for there own sakes. I can also take this counsel to heart and have done so with the decision to become more faithful from this point forth and to be more of an example for my fellow workers.

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After the meeting Brother Weiler, President McMurrin, Sister Booth and I went to Brother Unk's to eat where we had a very tasty dinner. This evening I returned to Rotterdam in the company of Brothers De Brij, Eardley, Whitney, and Rigby. President McMurrin and Sister Booth went to Amsterdam to see the Queen.

Tuesday March 5th.

Today I have been particularly busy in the office. I also have to take a bath. After eating this evening I went to the station where I purchased a ticket to Brussels. Here I met Brothers McMurrin and Nibley and Sister Booth, and we all went to Brussels. Once there we went to the Cosmopolite Hotel which was close by the north station.

Wednesday March 6th.

This morning after breakfast we went to the "Midi" station where we took a train to Waterloo, rather Braine l'Allend. From here we took a vehicle to get to the field of Waterloo where the memorable battle of June 18, 1815 was fought. We got out at a museum and saw various remnants in the form of old swords, guns, stoves, etc. We then went to the monument of "The Lion of Waterloo". Built upon the place where the Prince of Orange was wounded. This monument is 200 feet high with 226 stairs. On the top is a figure of a lion looking in the direction of France. From here there is an excellent view of the battlefield with the farms of LaCoste LaBelle Alliance, where headquarters of Napoleon were, LaHaie Sanite; in another direction the castle and ruins of Hougoumont, where the battle became very terrible; and Mont St. Jean where the Prince of Wellington had his headquarters. Afterward we had our lunch in the hotel and then went to the station and returned to Brussels. We then went to the office and found Brothers van den Akker and Robison at home. They have an attractive small hall and room in the same house. We all went then to the Palace of Justice thru which we were escorted. This building cost 10 million dollars. It is 590 feet long 560 feet wide and 400 feet high. Two copper doors weigh 12,000 pounds and cost 12,000 dollars. We went through various courtrooms to the supreme court where I sat in the presidents chair. In one of the rooms there were marvelous tapestries. Each one took several woman five years to complete and cost 7,600 dollars. From here we went to the hotel where we had a little to eat and then we went to the station and President McMurrin and Sister Booth took the train to Cologne, Germany. The later is a very sweet girl and I must say that since I met here I have been very attracted to her. From the station we went to the office. This evening we had a small meeting there were only 7 members present but I enjoyed the meeting very much. Brothers Nibley, van den Akker and I were the speakers. Brother Nibley and I went to Sister Pleiss' to sleep.

Thursday March 7th.

This morning we had breakfast and then left for the city. We saw the fountain of "Mannekin-pis", a real rarity. This afternoon we took the train to Rotterdam where we arrived at about 5 P.M.

Friday March 8th.

Today I have been especially busy in the office. Brother W. A. Postma arrived today from Groningen with this family to immigrate to Utah.

Saturday March 9th.

Today I took a bath, worked for some time in the office and then went to Amsterdam. In Amsterdam there were twelve people gathered together to be baptised. We went out a long way along the north sea canal where Brother Lewis baptised 11. A small girl became frightened and was not baptised. We had a sandwich this evening in the office.

Sunday March ^{10th} ~~1st~~.

Brother L. M. Lee of the Luik conference is here ^h where he has been for a few days. In the meeting this morning there were 11 confirmed and three children blessed, I used the remainder of the time to speak. After the meeting we had a sandwich at Sister H. Noorda's. From here we went to the priesthood meeting where Brother Taylor presented the name of Brother Frans Wiegel, with whom we with Brothers Beima and van Boerum spoke yesterday evening, to be the second counselor. He was unanimously approved. After this meeting we had lunch at Brother Kesselaar's. In the meeting this evening Brother Denkers and I were the speakers. At the end I presented the name of Brother ^{Wiegel} ~~Wiegler~~ for the approval of the brothers and sisters in this position to which he has been called. He was unanimously approved. After the meeting Brother Taylor and I went to Brother van Boerum's where we had a sandwich.

Monday March 11th.

At about 11 o'clock this morning Brother Taylor and I went to the city where I purchased some postcards for Sister Booth who desired to have a particular type. Since I met Sister Booth I have discovered a feeling which I have never had before. It seems as though my thoughts are continually turning towards her. She is very noble and sincere and loveable in character. This afternoon I left Amsterdam and came to Rotterdam. I was particularly busy here to get everything ready for some ^{EM} ~~immigrants~~ immigrants who are to leave tomorrow.

Tuesday March 12th.

Today we made all the preparations for the departure of the ^{Ent} ~~immigrants~~ immigrants. This evening at 8 P.M. I went to the Willemsskade where I found all of them. Because there were many Russian Jews on board in the third class they let our ~~immigrants~~ go first class, which was very pleasant for everyone. There are 13 in this ~~immigration~~ without a Dutch speaking missionary, however one of the brothers can speak very good English. There were many brothers and sister at the ^H ~~warf~~ to bid there farewells.

Thursday March 14th.

This evening I went to the meeting. Brothers Whitney, Roghaar, Fluit, and Noorda spoke. Afterwards I went with Brother Hecking to his house where I had a sandwich.

Friday March 15th.

This evening I went over the Maas River to Feijenoord to Sister Adelaar's where I spent a very pleasant evening. On the way back I found a group of people on the bridge calling to a man who was in the river. I don't know if he had fallen or jumped but he remained there for a time until someone came with a boat and pulled him out. I met Brother Meibos and the two Gerrites sisters there, who had been out to a baptism.

Sunday March 17th.

This morning I went to meeting and I and Brother Meibos took up the time. I found it difficult to speak and especially to find words I wished to use. After the meeting I went to Sister van der Wal, but she was not at home. I then went back to my room where I had a sandwich. Afterward I went to a man's house in this street named van Damme to talk with him about the gospel. He believes that teachings come completely from and are in agreement with the bible, but thinks the same about his teachings. He is excommunicated from the Christian Reformed Church. I ate at Sister Uittenbogaard's today. Brothers Hickenlooper and Roghaar were also there. In the meeting this evening Brother de Waal and Brothers Nibley and De Brij also spoke. Afterwards I went to Brother Noorda's to eat a sandwich.

Monday March 18th.

This evening after having eaten I went back to the office to sleep with Brother

J. H. Samot who had promised to come there. But he did not come. This is the third time that he has given such a promise and then broken it.

Tuesday March 19th.

This morning I went into the city to cash a postal money order from J. W. F. Volder, but the bank said that they had not yet received notification of it so that they couldn't pay me. This evening I went with Brother Kragt to visit an investigator who, however, was not at home and so I came back.

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This evening I went to Sister de Bruin's where I found Brothers Nibley and Roghaar and we talked with her. Later I informed her that someone gave me enough money for the trip to America for Sister de Bruin's oldest son who is not yet 12 years old. The person who gave that to me is Brother de Waal's Sister, and she is not yet a member of the Church.

Thursday March 21st.

This afternoon I went with Brothers de Brij and Rigby to Sister van der Wal's to eat. She had given me a special invitation to come. We had a very good meal. She is a little disheartened and discouraged over her situation *while because* her one daughter had died *and* she is afraid that she will not see her other daughter in America. We did our best to comfort her.

Friday March 22nd.

This morning on the way to the office I met Brothers Christensen, Ashton, Naegle, and Wilson, German missionaries on there way to America, and Brother Nibley. They ahd arrived last night and were now on there way to Harwich-boat. This evening I went with Brother Kragt to Mister Klaphaak's, an investigator, and we talked further with him about the gospel. He is very favorable towards this message.

Saturday March 23rd.

I went to the office this morning where I wrote some letters. Brothers Jeppeson and Pfof, missionaries from Germany with a party of ~~immigrants~~ arrived this morning in Rotterdam from Hannover. The two missionaries came to the office with Brothers Nibley and Whitney. Afterward I went to take a bath. This evening I went to the Grimsby-boat where I found the missionaries and ~~immigrants~~ in the first section of the third class. The third class is very bad and this evening there are particularly dirty people in it, so Brother Jeppeson if necessary said he would pay the extra money himself rather than make the ~~immigrants~~ travel third class.

Sunday March 24th.

I went to the meeting this morning and there I met my brother, Lewis, who arrived latelast night from Brussels. In the meeting this morning there were many strangers. Brother de Brij and de Waal and my brother spoke. After the meeting I went first to the office and then to my room where I had a sandwich. At 3:30 we went to Brother Bosgieter's where we ate. From here we went to the office where I talked with Brother Sluijter from Arnhem, who asked me for a loan of 50 guilders because his wife had been sick for a long time. He borrowed some money, but it is against the regulations of the railroad where he works to have debts, they found out that he had debts. Finally I promised him that I would write to Brother Weiler and send him the money. In this evening's meeting Brother Noorda talked about the sacrament and Brother Nibley and I took ~~in~~ the remainder of the time. There were a lot of strangers present this evening. After the meeting Lewis and I went to the hotel "de France"

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where his luggage was. A servant took them to the office. We then went to Sister van der Wal's, where Brothers Nibley and Whitney came.

March 25th.

It snowed today. Lewis and I went to the office and then we went to Utrecht, where he has a friend. I have been very busy. This evening I went to the rear of Sister Uittenbogaard's where Brothers Nibley and Whitney were and we talked with a young man, the sweetheart of Sister Lena Sprong. He has investigated the gospel a little bit but doesn't seem to be awfully serious about it.

Tuesday March 26th.

Lewis came back from Utrecht today. It snowed again this evening and a strong wind blew.

Wednesday March 27th.

It snowed this morning. This is strange weather. One minute it begins to snow very hard and the next the sun shines. We went to the office this morning and later to the Delfts Port Station where we took the train to the Hague. Having arrived there we went first to the house of the Forest on the tram. This house is in the middle of a forest-park. It was built by the Princess Amalia, wife of Fredrik Hendrik, Prince of Orange. We were taken through it. We went into the eating hall, the Chinese room, the Japanese room, the great dance hall, the rooms of the late Queen Sophia, first wife of King Willem the third and the room and bed in which she died. The walls of the Chinese room were covered with fine silk ^{TAPESTRIES} ~~clothes~~ and mirrors and tables with inlaid mother-of-pearl. In the Japanese room the walls were also decorated with hand made ^{TAPESTRIES} ~~clothes~~ and curtains and fine laquered ornaments. The great dance hall is a marvelous room. The ceiling is very high and there is an opening in the middle from where the music is played. The ceiling and the walls are covered with large paintings to the praise of Fredrik Hendrik and his spouse. These paintings were done by Rubens and his students. The peace convention of 1898 was held in this hall with participants of all the nations of Europe and the United States present. From here we went through the forest to the Hague. Here we visited the Mauritshouse where they have a wonderful museum of the arts. Here we saw paintings by Van Dijck, Rubens, containing the portraits of his two wives, Rembrandt, and Paul Potter. The finest paintings in this collection are the "Ox" by Paul Potter and the "School of Anatomy" by Rembrandt van Rijn. Both are wonderful works of art. From here we went into the inner-court, where we saw the first room of the council of state. The inner-court was earlier the palace of the Princes of Orange. We then visited the prison port, which was an old prison which was very interesting for me. We saw the old instruments of torture where people were branded. We went into a dark cell and saw where a priest in the 17th century who had been converted to protestantism, had been locked up by the Spaniards. He had made an opening in the wall with his spoon but found another wall of wood behind the wall of stone. He had also made marks on the wall with his blood. In this cell were bars and a place where food could be given to him without opening the door. We then went to the room where Johan and Cornelis de Wit, who were accused of working against the principality, even though they were innocent. They were treated terribly by the people and killed. We also saw the room which was used as the infirmary where Cornelis de Wit was for a time. He had drawn the plans of his house in Dordrecht on the planks. We then went below and saw the room where the prisoners ate the evening before their death. Above this room was a hunger chamber where the prisoners were sometimes locked up without anything to eat, the kitchen being where they could see the food cooking. Finally we went in the room where the prisoners were bound and branded. There was a hole wherein the blood which came from them could flow. We then ate and left for Rotterdam while

Lewis went to Amsterdam.

Thursday March 28th.

This evening I went to the meeting where Brothers Rigby, Roghaar, Hickenlooper and Meibos spoke. After the meeting I went to Brother Hecking's where I had a sandwich.

Friday March 29th.

I was in the city this afternoon to buy a gift for Emily and Brother I. E. Willey's wedding. Afterward I went to the station where I met Lewis. We then had supper. I forgot to say that yesterday I received a letter from President McMurrin asking for information regarding the transportation via Rotterdam for the body of Brother Fuchs, who died in Germany. I visited two companies - P.A. Van Es and Wm. H. Miller and Company. In the office of the latter I found Mr. Lanning who could speak English. He went with me to the American Consoul. Cornel Listoe, the Consoul, is sick, but Mr. Voorwinden, who is vice-consoul gave us information regarding all the necessary formalities.

Saturday March 30th.

This morning I took a bath and then went to meet Lewis; we then went around the city. This evening Lewis brought his guitar to my room and we had music.

Sunday March 31st.

This morning we went to the meeting which was the fast and testimony meeting where a good spirit presided. I also bore my testimony. After the meeting we went to the ~~meeting~~ ^{office} where we found Brother Nibley a little bit sick with influenza. From here we went to my room where we had a sandwich and later had a meal. In the meeting Brother Meibos took the time. Then Lewis and I went to Brother Noorda's where we ate a sandwich.

Monday April 1st.

This afternoon Lewis and I went to the Maas station where we met Brother A. L. Scoville. We then went to the Beurs station where Lewis and Brother Scoville purchased tickets for London via Harwich. After this we went to the office and then to my room. After having eaten we returned again to the office, picked up the luggage, and went to the Delfts' Port Station. We had plenty of time so we went into the city for a walk. Lewis and Brother Scoville departed at 10:30 this evening.

Tuesday April 2nd.

Today I received a telegram from President Schulthess of the German mission asking what the cost would be to send the body of Brother Fuchs of Ellersfeld to Boston. I went to William Miller and Company where I found Mr. Lannig who went with me to the Beurs station and we talked with the station master regarding the freight cost from Ellersfeld to Rotterdam. I then sent President Schulthess a telegram.

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Wednesday, April 3rd.

I went to Sister Limburg's this evening to talk with her about the ~~immigration~~ of her daughter, Ricka. After that I talked with ^{"TANTE K."}~~"Tante"~~ at the rear of Sister Uittenbogaard's about the gospel.

Thursday, April 4th.

Today I received a telegram from my nephew Clarence M. desiring me to meet him at the Maas station this evening so I went this evening and found him fatter than when I last saw him but much the same. We went to my room where we had the evening meal.

Friday, April 5th.

This morning we went to the Westerkade to locate Clarences luggage which had been sent fast freight from Hamburg to Wm. Egan three or 4 days earlier. ~~They~~^{It} had not arrived.

Saturday, April 6th, 1901.

Today is the birthday of the organization of the Church. Seventy-one years ago, in obedience to the revelation received by him, Joseph Smith organized the Church with six members. We went to the Wm. Egan and Company again this morning but the luggage had not yet arrived. It rained heavily this afternoon. I received a letter from President Schulthess desiring me to make arrangements for the transportation of Brother Fuchs' body from ^{BER}~~Elberfeld~~ to Liverpool.

Sunday, April 7th.

This morning we went to the meeting where Brother Bakker, who had now come to work here in Rotterdam, Clarence, and Brother Kragt spoke. After the meeting we went to Sister de Lang's where we found some of the missionaries. We had a sandwich there. From here we went to the office and afterward to my room where we ate. In the meeting this evening Brother De Waal spoke concerning the sacrament and I and Brother Noorda took up the remainder of the time. We had priesthood meeting afterward. After this meeting Clarence and I went to Sister van der Wal's for a sandwich. Today is Easter.

Monday, April 8th.

Today is the "Second day of Easter" and is a holiday. It is beautiful weather although a little windy. This afternoon I went to Brother and Sister Vrekke's to eat. Afterwards I had the Sisters Gerritse at the office, where they came to visit Brother Nibley. We went and visited a short time with Sister de Bruin and from there we went to the station where Clarence met a German sister traveling to America. We took her to the hotel at Wine Street #10, but she felt lonely and wanted to go with us. So we took her to my room to get something to eat then Clarence escorted her to the hotel. I went to the office for a short time and Clarence later returned.

Tuesday, April 9th.

After breakfast this morning we went to the city, Clarence to the hotel and I to the agent of the steamship company who's boats sail to Brimsby; there I made arrangements for the immigrant trip. From here I went to the Maas station where I met a party of 5 immigrants who had just arrived here this morning from Germany. They went to the hotel and their baggage was sent to the Grimsby boat. Clarence and I went to the Wester-kade to get his baggage but even though they were sent from Hamburg as speed express they had not yet arrived. This evening I went to the Willemskade and there found the immigrants, six in number, with Clarence and Brother Maibos and Whitney. In accordance with the request from my nephew, George J. Cannon, who is secretary of the German mission, I made arrangements for them all to sail first class. I hated to see Clarence leave. He fulfilled an excellent mission and always carries a good spirit with him.

Thursday, April 11th.

Today I gave Brother Alex Nibley his mission release. His mission has been for the most part in the mission office, first to put the songbooks in order and afterwards to work on the Rotterdam conference and "Ster" books. He is also the organist and the leader of the song lessons in the branch here in Rotterdam. This evening I went to the meeting where Brother Hickenlooper, Fluit, and

de Brij spoke.

Friday, April 12th.

This afternoon I went to the office of the Rhemische Transport Company to find out if Clarances baggage had arrived, but it had still not arrived. Afterward I took a bath. Brothers Nibley and Whitney ^{came by} and Brother Nibley bade me farewell ^{as} while he will leave tomorrow for a trip to Germany. A little later Brother Whitney ^{CAME IN} saying that he had some ^{bad} news for me. He gave me a telegram from President Lyman ^{that really} "Your father dead. ^{Ac} Except sympathy." I cannot express the feeling that went through me. It ^{penetrated} me deeper than I don't know what. My loving father who had always been so sweet and who ^{CONCERNED} ~~has always~~ cared for me has passed from this life. It is almost impossible to comprehend. It has always been my sincere hope ^{THAT I WOULD RETURN AND FIND HIM WELL, BUT} from my mission ^{that} the Lord has willed that it would ^{NOT} be so. I cannot feel to ^{BECAUSE} ~~grieve~~ while it seems that my father is not far from me and especially that he ^{IS HAVING} ~~has~~ a pleasant reunion with my mother, Abraham, David, and all those who went before. Now, it is impossible for me to pay him back for all that he has done for me, but I feel a greater responsibility upon me to live and to act in accordance with the example that he has given me.

Saturday, April 13th.

This morning I arose early, had breakfast and went to the Maas Station where I took the train to Groningen. Brother Baker also took the same train. We arrived in Groningen at 1:00 having met Brother Weiler on the way. Brothers Platt, Graven, of Amsterdam, Springer, and De Leeuw were at the station to meet us. We then went to the office where I met Brother and Sister van der Werff, and Brother and Sister Zijssling who have been recently baptized and now live in the same house. I also met Brothers Tingey and Bragonje. We ate with Brother and Sister van der Werff, etc. in the office. This evening Brother Venema arrived from Friesland. He had walked for six hours.

Sunday, April 14th.

This morning at 10:00 o'clock we had the first meeting of this conference, which

was full, with about 25 strangers being present. Brother Graven spoke first. After that Brother Platt presented the authorities of the Church who were sustained by the raising of the right hand. He also read a statistical report and a report of the progress during the past 6 months. I took the remainder of the time, even-though I didn't feel a great deal of fluency in speaking. After the meeting Brother Bakker and I went with Brother Daniel Grundmann to his home where we ate. This family, of which there are 6 members, live in only one room. They have been members of the Church for 15 years. In the meeting this evening about 80 strangers where present, the hall being packed full. Brothers S. Springer, Bakker, and Venema, spoke in this meeting, and the ~~later~~^{last} spoke with great power. After the meeting we had a sandwich at the office.

Monday, April 15th.

This morning at 10:00 we had priesthood meeting where-in reports were given ~~about~~^{about} the activities of the missionaries, and I gave them directions regarding the subjects about which I felt inspired to speak. Afterwards Brother Bakker and I went to Sister Goutier's where we ate. After that we returned and later Brothers Platt, Weiler, Bakker, Springer and I went into the city where we visited the ~~academy~~^{akademie} and saw the Aula and various rooms, which in general were about the same as in America. We also visited the Museum of Natural History. This evening a young lady was baptized.

Tuesday, April 16th.

This morning I arose early, we had breakfast, and then Brothers Platt, Bakker, and Venema went with Brother Weiler and ~~me~~^{us} to the station where we caught the train. Brother Weiler got off along the way to visit various saints and cities in his conference. I arrived in Rotterdam at 1:00. I then went to the office where I was busy for the remainder of the afternoon.

Thursday, April 18th.

This morning I received letters of sympathy from George Q. Morris, president of the London conference, England, Joseph and S. F. Taylor, president of the

Amsterdam conference. I also received a card from Brother Nibley expressing his sympathies for me at the loss of my father. Brother Claridge also wrote me today asking something regarding the shipping of the body of Fuschs. I went to the William H. Miller and Company who had given me the information I desired. Mr. Laming, who speaks very good English, told me that he had read of the death of my father in the London newspaper, and expressed his sympathies.

April 19th.

Today I went to the office and found Brother Fisher, who has been on a mission in Germany for the past 7 months and is now being changed to England. This afternoon Brother S. F. Jonasson came to the office with the news that the body had already arrived. Today I received letters from Mary Alice, which were written about 8 days before the death of my father, in which she expressed hope and encouragement that father's health would be restored.

Saturday, April 20th.

This morning I didn't feel very well. I have caught a cold. I went to the office, then accompanied by Brothers Jonasson and Fisher I went to the William H. Miller and Company and from there to the Maas Station where we located the train car carrying the body. This was then taken to Feijnsnoord, and we went with it. Afterwards we returned to the office and had something to eat. I then went to the Miller and Company and paid them for the shipping of the body to Liverpool.

Sunday, April 21st.

Brother Jonasson and Fisher left last night for England via Harwich. This morning I have a severe cold. In the meeting Brother Meibos and Rotstege spoke. After the meeting I had a sandwich in my room, and later I went to Sister Vijfstuk de Groot to eat. In the meeting this evening Brother Noorda spoke concerning the sacrament and Brothers Roghaar and de Brij spoke. After the meeting I went to Sister Limburg's, where I talked with her and her daughter, Rika, concerning the latter's trip to Utah. She will be cleared within two days to leave and this evening is the first that she knew she would be able to go.

Monday, April 22nd.

This evening I went to Sister Limburg's where Sisters Noorda, Wezenaar, and Holtcamp were also present. Later Brothers Noorda, Hickenlooper and Roghaar also came and we had a pleasant evening.

Tuesday, April 23rd.

This morning I went to Carlsberg and Company, agents for the Grimsby-boat lines with whom our passengers are sent. When I arrived at the office I found Brothers Verham, and de Groot, and Sister Anna de Groot, of Amsterdam, who will be sailing this evening. This afternoon I went to the hotel in the "Wijnstraat" (winestreet), where I found the party of ~~immigrants~~ immigrants from Germany under the leadership of the Elders Ferd, Zarbock and Lorenzo Christensen of Salt Lake City. After that I went to Sister Limburg's and I talked a little while with Sister Rika. This evening I went to the Grimsby boat where all the ~~immigrants~~ immigrants were, 14 from Germany and 4 from Holland. The German ~~immigrants~~ immigrants went first class and our ~~immigrants~~ immigrants third class to Grimsby. Various brothers and sisters were present to bid farewell.

Wednesday, April 24th.

I felt poorly today because of my headcold. This evening I talked more with "Tante K" about the gospel. She is convinced that it is true.

Friday, April 26th.

"Tante K" asked me if she could be baptised this evening. She was baptized this evening.

Saturday, April 27th.

This morning I met with Brother Nibley who ^{has} just returned from a two week visit to Germany. I haven't felt well this whole week because of such a severe headcold and headaches as a result of it.

Sunday, April 28th.

In the meeting this morning Brother Nibley and I were the speakers. After that I went to the other branch where I visited the Sunday School under the direction of Brother Eardley, we had our afternoon meal with Sister Martin. This

evening I and Brother Nibley spoke. Afterward Brothers Eardley, Kragt, and I went to Sister Martins where we had a sandwich. Brother Nibley stayed the night with me.

Monday, April 29th.

We had breakfast in the room and then went to the office. It is very beautiful again today. I had a headache and took some time ^{OUT AND WENT} ~~to get~~ to the park. This afternoon I made a visit to Sister Tesch.

Tuesday, April 30th.

Sister D'Hulst cleaned up the office this morning so that it could be white washed by the plasterer, but he didn't come today. I visited the sisters meeting this evening where there were about 25 gathered.

Thursday, May 2nd.

I had a severe headache today.

Friday, May 3rd.

I crossed the Maas River this evening to Feijenoord where I visited with the Adelaar family. They are all members of the church except the father and they were all brought up Catholic. There I spent a pleasant evening in speaking about the gospel, singing songs, etc.

Saturday, May 4th.

This morning I spoke with John Meibos, and assigned him Utrecht as his field of labor. A box of delicious cookies arrived at the office today but it didn't say from whom it came, still we think that it came from Brother Tesch who was baptized yesterday. At noon I went to Amsterdam. On the way I stopped off at Haarlem where there are great fields of tulips and Hyacinths in bloom. Haarlem is a beautiful city and it is said that the best Dutch is spoken here. The big business here is flowers and trees, in particular, in tulips and Hyacinths from which flower all various ^{COUNTRIES} ~~lands~~ are provided. There was ^{at} ~~was~~ time in the 17th century when the speculation in tulips was so great that one tulip bulb of a particular type was sold for approximately 5,000.00 dollars. I visited a nursery and florist. I also went through

the city to the great market place, where the great church, and other strange old buildings are. I also visited the Haarlem woods. Afterwards I took the train to Amsterdam. I found the missionaries in good health and spirits. We had something to eat at the office this evening.

Sunday, May 5th

We had fast and testimony meeting this morning. We didn't enjoy ~~of~~ the spirit of the Lord. Afterwards in his room Brother Taylor and I talked with Brother Piet van Duuren and Sister Jacoba Dijkstra in regards to the fornication which they had committed together. They expressed themselves to be very sorrowful and made a commitment to value there membership in the Church, saying that they would get married speedily and live in purity and obedience to the commandments of the Lord. After that we visited the Sunday School where we spoke a few words. Later we held a priesthood meeting with the local priesthood and listened to there reports. Two brothers were excommunicated from the Church and these two were placed under ^{ensure} ~~ensor~~. There was not complete unity in the priesthood meeting - two brothers not being willing to vote with the others, making weak excuses. Afterward I found out that these two were those who had spoken with an apostate Mormon and had paid heed to his words. We ate at Sister Blom's. Brother Lewis and I were the speakers in the meeting this evening. I did not feel free ^{in my} to ~~to~~ speaking. Afterwards that Brother Taylor and I went to Sister Russner's.

Monday, May 6th.

At 10:00 this morning the seven missionaries who are working here came together and we had a priesthood meeting in which the brothers gave reports of their activities and I gave them certain directions. Afterward I wrote some letters and then Brothers Lewis, Myers, and I went to the Amsterdam Consoul - Mr. Frank D. Hill - who had a great regard for my father. We then visited Sister Verheek. At 6:00 we ate at Brother Schippers'. This evening I talked more with Brother Taylor about the work here, etc.

Tuesday, May 7th.

Brother Lewis and I took the train to Rotterdam this morning. Brother Lewis has been directed to work in this area, namely in the office. Three members from Groningen arrived today to ~~immigrate~~ migrate to America in company with a party of German missionaries and saints. This evening I went to the boat where everything was put in order.

Wednesday, May 8th.

I have been busy in the office today.

Thursday, May 9th.

I went to the meeting this evening where there was a goodly number of brothers and sisters. Brothers Lewis and Roghaar, Bakker, and Meibos were the speakers. After that we had choir practice which was lead by Brother de Brijs.

Friday, May 10th.

Having been invited, I made a visit to Sister Brauws in Feijenoord this evening. Her husband is not a member of the Church and it is a sorrowful situation that exists there. He drinks and has such a foul spirit that the household is not united. Sister Lena Brauws, their daughter is a sweet girl.

Sunday, May 12th.

In the meeting this morning Brothers Eardley, Hickenlooper, Noorda, and I spoke. I felt freeer in speaking but did not speak long. Afterwards I went to Sister de Lange's where there were already a number of missionaries, and had a sandwich. Later I went to the Sunday School. I ate in my room. In the meeting this evening Brothers de Waal, Lewis and Meibos spoke. Afterward I went with Brother Noorda to his house where Brother de Waal also came and had a sandwich.

Monday, May 13th.

This evening I visited Sister de Haan and found her situation to be fairly good.

Tuesday, May 14th.

This evening I visited Brother Klaphaak who was baptized not long ago. There

I found Brothers Eardley and Kragt. We had a pleasant evening.

Wednesday, May 15th.

I went to Sister de Jong's this evening. She is a sister who has always wavered in the gospel and has never been firm. She receives in her home, apostate Mormons, even those who want to preach against the gospel - Miss. Hoving and Houghtuin.

Thursday, May 16th.

Today is the day of the ascension and is celebrated here as a holiday. I went to the office where I had work to do, and afterward I visited Sister de Bruin. The meeting this evening was completely filled. The speakers were Brothers de Brij, Koldewijn, Whitney, Roghaar and Baker. After that I spoke with Brother Samot who borrowed money from me two or three months ago with the assurance that he would pay a certain amount each week, but he has paid absolutely nothing. I went with Brother de Brij to Brother Noorda's for a sandwich.

Friday, May 17th.

This morning I fasted. This afternoon I went to the "Beurs Station" to purchase a round trip ticket. After that I took a bath. This evening I got everything ready to leave tomorrow.

Saturday, May 18th.

This morning I took the train to Brussels. Brothers Eardley and Whitney went with me. At twelve o'clock we arrived in Antwerp where we stayed for three hours. We visited the old Jesuit church where there were beautiful samples of wood craftsmanship to be seen. Later we visited the main cathedral which is one of the large churches and is the largest in the Netherlands. There is a beautiful high tower on the church. Inside we saw two of P.P. Rubens most famous paintings -- ^{"THE DESCENT FROM} ~~"that he sent from~~ the Cross" and "the Elevation of the Cross". Afterwards we went along the Schelde River. Later we made a visit to the museum there which contains many of the famous paintings of the masters; by Rubens, Van Dijke, Jordaans, Teniers, and many others. We then went to the station and took the train to Brussels. Having arrived here we walked to the exchange and took the

train to Molenbeek. Brothers van den Akker and Robison were both at home. We had something to eat and I stayed here the night.

Sunday, May 19th.

Brothers Weiler and Stevens from Arnhem came to the office. We had the Brussels conference in the regular meeting hall today. This morning Brother Whitney spoke about the sacrament, and I and Brother van den Akker took the remainder of the time. A good spirit prevailed even though we were few in numbers. Brother Walter Bond, who studies music here, was present and accompanied the singing with his violin. There were approximately 12 brothers and sisters, in addition to the missionaries, present. Afterward, Brother Stevens and I went to Sister van Woerkom's to eat. Later, some other brothers came and we went to the park to listen to the music there. Brothers van den Akker, Robison, and I went along the boulevard where we saw many beautiful vehicles and rich people. Brussels is a rich city and the people follow the fashions, particularly those who are rich. At 7:00 o'clock we had a meeting where approximately 15 in addition to the missionaries were present, including 2 non-members. Brothers Eardley and Weiler took up the time. Brother B. ^{MORRIS} ~~Moms~~ Young, ^{JR.} Junior, who studies music here played a solo. Afterwards Brothers Weiler, Stevens, Robison and I went to Sister van Workom's to eat a sandwich. I stayed in the office tonight.

Monday, ^{MAY} ~~June~~ 20th. (MAY)

This morning at 10:00 o'clock we had a priesthood meeting where a spirit of unity and love prevailed. The brothers express themselves each one as being desirous to do more work in the future. We had a sandwich in the office and then Brothers van den Akker, Robison, Bond, Cheney, Stevens, Whitney and I went to Laeken. We visited the church there, also the church yard which was very beautiful. Then we went by the Kings park and saw his chateau. We also visited the monument of King Leopold the 1st. We had dinner with Brother and Sister Johannes van Moerkom. This evening I stayed at the office.

Tuesday, June 21st. (May)

Elder W. S. Weiler, the brother of George Weiler arrived yesterday evening from Germany to visit here. This morning we went to the city and saw the museum of ancient art which was very beautiful and had many famous paintings by Rubens, Van Dijke, Jordaans, Van Eyck, Rembrandt, and others. After that we went to the Wiertz Museum, which contains many strange and ^unusual paintings by Mr. Wiertz. After that I visited the Museum of Natural Science. From here I went to the "palace of the 50th anniversary, the buildings were made for the exhibition of 1897. Afterwards I returned to the office. Brothers v/d Akker, Robison and I ate there.

Wednesday, June 22nd. (May)

At about 12:00 o'clock today Brothers van den Akker, Robison, and I had dinner at Sister Bloemen's. After that we returned to the office. I left for Brussels this afternoon to go to Luik. The missionaries went to Waterloo today. I arrived in Luik at 7:00 o'clock and found Brother Lee at the office. ~~We~~ ^{COMMITMENT} had a responsibility to visit certain doctors this evening, so he left and I did some writing.

Thursday, June 23rd. (May)

This morning after having eaten in the office we went to Seravig, where we found Sister Goltz with rheumatism. She had been down with it for several days, her hand and leg were very swollen and gave her a lot of pain. Brothers Spring and Veus, missionaries, came while we were there. We then went to the office which is in a nice area and is very neat. The meeting hall is in the same house. Mrs. Paul who lives in the house, received us very friendly. She visits the meetings quite often. Afterward we went to Sister Camus', where Sister Wiart also came. There we had a sandwich. Sister Wiart has changed a lot in the last while, caused by the terrible and dispicable way that her husband acts. He drinks a lot and now spreads all sorts of false stories against us. We then visited with Sister Berinx who was very happy to see me and is very happy in the gospel. We

then went to Luik and had something to eat. Brothers Eardley, Whitney and Cheney arrived from Brussels. Brother Lee and I went to Sister Isenburg's to eat. We had a meeting this evening in which Brother Cheney, Eardley, Beus, and I were the speakers. The meeting was fairly well attended by the brothers and sisters.

Friday, June 24th. (May)

I received a letter from President Platt ~~de~~^D Lyman this morning informing me that his brother, Apostle Frances M. Lyman, the new president to the European Mission, will visit our mission and hold a conference with us on the 16th of June next. This is very good news. The brothers and sister went to Herstel to see the national arms factory, while I stayed in the office to do a little work. I sent a telegram to Brother de Brij to ask him to change the rental date of the hall to be used for conference from the second to the 16th of June. We had intended to hold the conference on the second of June expecting that President McMurrin would be present. This afternoon all of us except Brother Lee went to Seranig where we visited the "Société Cockerill" factory which was very interesting. We saw the large ~~wood~~^{BLAST} furnace and the iron which came out of it all melted. We then saw the mold in which they pour the molten iron to be changed to steel. Then the large steel blocks are placed in the rollers which makes the rails. Later we went to Brother Goltz' and there we anointed and blessed Sister Goltz, Brother Eardley anointing and I sealed the anointing. Afterward we returned to the office where I talked with Brother Beus and called him to be president of this conference in the place of Brother Lee who was released to return to America. After that we went by boat from Seraing to Liege (Luik). Brother George and Scott Weiler, and Stevens arrived from Brussels this evening. We ate in the office.

Saturday, May 25th.

This morning at 10:00 o'clock we had a priesthood meeting in which a beautiful spirit was enjoyed by all. After that Brothers Whitney, Stevens, Cheney, George Weiler, and I went to Sister Robissons where we had a delicious afternoon meal. This afternoon I went to the city for a little while. After having eaten this

evening we went along the boulevard where we listened to a concert.

Sunday, May 26th.

This morning at 10:30 a German meeting was held, as the first meeting of the Liege (Luik) conference. The speakers where Brothers Whitney, Goltz, and Scott and George Weiler. After that we all went to Augre and Seraing. Brother Lee and I ate with Brother Lambert. Brother Pirotte and his family were also there. We then went to the meeting in Seraing. This meeting was well attended with a few non members present. Brothers Lee, Beus and I spoke. I found it difficult to express myself in this language. *German language* [A quartet consisting of Brothers Weiler, Eardley, Stevens and me sang. It was unusually warm in the meeting. After the meeting Brother Lee and I went to Brother Lamberts and had a sandwich. This evening we returned to Liege (Luik). The meeting this evening was well attended. I and Brother Lee spoke. We also sang a quartet, "Rock of my Refuge". After the meeting Brothers Lee, Springer, Cheney, and I laid our hands on the head of Sister Marie Wiart and gave her a blessing which she had earnestly requested.

Monday, May 27th.

Today is the second ^{"PFINGSTEN"} day. Brothers George and Scott Weiler, and Stevens left for Arnhem, and Brothers Whitney, and Eardley left for Rotterdam via Brussels. Sister Degnee came to the office about noon to talk about her situation which she does not find to be good. Brother Beus and I then went to Saint Nicolas where we visited with Sister Gurtet and Stoffel and found them in good health except that the former is not very strong. We then returned and went to Brother Robisson's where Brother Lee and Cheney were already and we had our afternoon meal there. Afterward Brother Beus, Cheney and I went to Seving to the office. Brother Springer went with us from ^{her} ~~her~~ to Brother Goltz. There we found Brother and Sister Lambert, Sister Stegen, and Sister Marie Wiart came later. We anointed Sister Goltz, Brother Cheney anointing and I sealing the anointing. Sister Goltz stood up after that and began to walk a little bit which she completely had not been able to do. We then returned, Brother Springer going to the station

with us. This evening we ate in the office.

Tuesday, May 28th.

After having eaten this morning, I went to the Guillemins station where I caught the train to Brussels. When I arrived I found Brothers ^{V.D. AKKER & ROBISON} Bond on the street, ^{I ALSO MET BR. BOND} and we all went to the "Parc de Cinquartenaire" where we saw a beautiful panorama of Egypt and the Nile River. From here I left these Brethren and returned to the station where I took the train to Rotterdam. When I arrived in the office I found many letters for me, most important one from President McMurrin saying that he would attend our conference here in Rotterdam next Sunday, Still he doesn't know that Apostle Lyman will be here with us on the 16th of June. He also said that Joseph will be the next president of the Stockholm conference.

Wednesday, May 29th.

Last night Brother Hickenlooper brought me the sad but expected news that Brother Emile Pleiss died. He was crippled and his mind was not good therefore it was surely a blessing that he is free from this situation. I sent a telegram to Brother v/d Akker.

This morning Sister Pleiss came here. After having eaten, Brother Hickenlooper and I went with her to the mortuary where the body of her son was. She was almost over come when she saw the body. We then returned to the office. I went from my room to the office this evening where I talked with Brother Paul Bosgieter about his ^{AND} ~~immigration~~ filled out the necessary papers. Brother Noorda came to see me this evening and told me that his niece told him in trust that a young lady who had done some sewing at Sister Uittenbogaard's said that she had looked in the journal of the president, and said that when he went on a trip to preach the gospel, he spent his time sightseeing, etc.

Thursday, May 30th.

This afternoon I ate at Sister v/d Wal's with Brothers Lewis and Lee. Later I talked at the office with Brother Weenig about his ~~immigration~~. In the meeting this evening Brothers Whitney, Eardley, Lee and George and Scott Weiler who had

recently arrived, took the time.

Friday, May 31st.

We had expected that President J. L. McMurrin would be visiting us next Sunday, but I received a card from him yesterday from Hamburg where-in he said that it would not be possible for him to visit us again. This evening I visited with Brother and Sister Hecking.

Sunday, June 2nd.

Yesterday - June 1st, was the birthday of President Brigham Young, who was born 100 years ago. He died about 24 years ago. This morning Brother Noorda came and we went together to visit Brother Bijl in the hospital. Brother Bijl has pneumonia and is not very strong. He was happy to see us. Afterward we went to the meeting. Brother L. Y. Rigby and his brother from England had arrived from Amsterdam. This morning was fast and testimony meeting. A sweet spirit prevailed and good testimonies were given. This afternoon I ate at Sister Uittenbogaard's with Brothers Bakker and Hickenlooper. Afterwards I spoke with Sister Uittenbogaard's sister - Miss Hollander - and a catholic girl - about the gospel. Later I went to the office and there met Brother Saunder (?) and his wife, who are sailing on the ship. The meeting this evening was completely filled. Brothers L. Y. and Martin Rigby spoke, the ¹later spoke in English which was translated by Brother De Brij; also Brothers Weening and Bosgieter, who will be ~~immigrating~~ immigrating to Utah, gave a few words of good bye. Afterwards we had a priesthood meeting where in it was made known that Sister Uittenbogaard had talked with the teachers and thought that it was not right for me, who had money, to eat at the homes of the poor brothers and sisters. Later I went with Brother E. Limburg to his mother's, where Brothers Whitney, and Roghaar also came.

Monday, June 3rd.

Brothers Lewis and Lee returned today from Amsterdam. This afternoon Brother Goltz and his family and Brother Rentmeister came to the office. They were then escorted to a hotel. Later Sister Jansen came with her brother from Arnhem. Her

brother will be leaving with the ~~immigrating~~^{emigrating} company. This evening Brother C. Weenig Jr. came to the office to get a certain amount of money exchanged.
Tuesday, June 4th.

Early this morning I went to the office where Brother Whitney accompanied me to the Delfts Port Station. Here we met my nephew, George J. Cannon, out of Berlin, Germany, with a company of ~~immigrants~~^{emigrants} under his leadership. My nephew is the secretary of the German mission, and came here as escort to these brothers because there was no other missionary that was released there who could come with them. Brothers Whitney and George escorted the company to a hotel and I went to the agent of the steamship company between here and Grimsby to secure places for them. Afterwards I walked to the hotel and there found all the ~~immigrants~~^{emigrants} with Brother Goltz and the others. The granddaughter as well as the wife of Brother Goltz was sick. Sister Goltz has become debilitated by rheumatism, eventhough^A she is now better than when I saw her in Liege (Luik). Sarah, her little daughter, has had a fever today. I then went to the office. Shortly thereafter Brother Rentmeister came and asked that we come and anoint Sarah because she was very sick. Brother Lewis and I went to the hotel and found the little one very sick. Her eyes were half open and glazed, and she was very hot. Brother Lewis anointed her and I sealed the anointing. George came later to the office and we ate in my room. Afterward he went to the hotel and I went to the hall where Brothers Eardley and de Haan were waiting to practice songs for a quartet for conference. From here I went to the hotel and then to the boat. There were many friends there to see the ~~immigrants~~^{emigrants} sail. Fourteen saints and children left the Netherlands. About 10:00 o'clock the boat left in clear calm weather. We then went home.
Wednesday, June 5th.

This morning we went into the city and later were in the office. After having eaten this evening I returned again to the office where Brother Noorda and De Waal came and we expected Brother Fluit, but he didn't come.

Thursday, June 6th.

This afternoon we went into the city and from there to the park. This evening we went to the meeting. The speakers were George, Brothers Hickenlooper, Roghaar, and Noorda. After that we had song practice which was lead by Brother De Brij. George and I then went to Sister v/d Wal's with whom we ate a sandwich.

Friday, June 7th.

After breakfast this morning we went first to the office and then to the station where George caught the train to the Hague. I was busy in the office. He returned this afternoon, and prepared to leave for Germany. I accompanied him to the Maas station.

Saturday, June 8th.

At noon I went with Brother Bakker, Hickenlooper and Roghaar to Sister Zondervan's to eat.

Sunday, June 9th.

In this mornings meeting Brothers Bakker, De Brij and Lewis spoke. It was very interesting. Afterward I went with Brother Hecking to his home. Brother Hickenlooper also came, we had a sandwich there. This afternoon I went to Brother Noorda's where we had a delicious meal. I then went to the office. In the meeting this evening I and Brother Whitney spoke. I found it difficult and tiring to express myself and to say those things which I desired to. After the meeting Brothers De Brij, Noorda, and Fluit and I got together for a ^{CONSULTATION} ~~consolation~~ about the situation and to achieve a greater unity in the priesthood. Brother De Wal, the first counselor, refuse to meet with us. There was a good feeling among these brothers and they promised to be more unified and humble. We then went together to Brother Noorda's and for a few minutes to his brother, Gerrit Noorda, who wished to be appointed. Brother Noorda did the appointing and Brother de Brij the sealing of the appointing.

Monday, June 10th, 1901.

Today is my birthday. I can hardly believe that I have lived 24 years of

my life. I was in the office today. This evening as I returned to my room Sister Uittenbogaard's two girls gave me some presents. Cornelia gave me a glass and Mina a little chocolate with a card. Sister Anna Verheul gave me a paper decoration for the gas lamp.

Tuesday, June 11th.

Sister Uittenbogaard began today to clean my room. This evening when I returned home a young lady named Greta, who is staying with Sister Uittenbogaard, presented me with an ink stand. I forgot to say that this morning Sister Uittenbogaard asked me if I would go to the people who lived next door because a daughter is sick, and the mother asked if I would come. I went there and was invited to go upstairs. They put a stool for me next to the girl who was in bed, while her mother and another lady came and sat there also. The girl had dreamed that she would die and was terrified. I began to talk with her about the gospel and then about the faith in the anointing. The woman, who was there became angry about that and would not be reasonable. Finally she left and returned a few minutes later with an older lady who also was wearing a cap. This one began to accuse me and say that there was an "evil" spirit present. I didn't say very much to that because the girl was so weak and nervous but eventually the woman became like a wild woman. Then I stood up and said to her that I had been invited to come, she wouldn't listen and since the people who live there had asked me to leave, I left the house.

Thursday, June 13th.

Today is my sister Emily's birthday. She is 27 years old. We had the office wall papered and it is now beautifully clean. My room is now almost in order. Today I received word that President Arnold Schulthess will be arriving in Rotterdam this evening. I went to the Willems wharf (Kade) at 6:00 o'clock where I found Brother Whitney. We waited till about 7:00 o'clock and then the Grimsby boat came. Apostle Frances M. ^{Lyman} and Sister Rhoda Lyman were on board. We got a vehicle and the three of us went to the Cooman's hotel, while Brother Whitney

went to the Maas station to meet President Schulthess. Brother and Sister Lyman were a little bit under the weather because of the stormy voyage they had had. I got them a room in the hotel then went down stairs where I met President Schulthess for the first time in many years. President Schulthess, Brother Whitney and I then went to my room. Brother Whitney stopped by my office and brought some letters to Brother Schulthess which I had.

Friday, June 14th.

After breakfast this morning we went to the hotel where we spoke with President Lyman. After that President and Sister Lyman, President Schulthess and I went to the office where we found many of the missionaries. I practiced some songs with Brother Eardley and Hickenlooper to sing in the Sunday conference, I then showed President Lyman the record of members book which was made by Brother Alf. L. Farrell, which Brother Lyman found to be excellent. We had something to eat in the office and then we went with Brother De Brij to the Delfts port station where we caught the train to Amsterdam, riding second class. Brother De Brij spoke with some Catholic monks who were in the same car with us. When we arrived in Amsterdam we met Brothers Taylor, Bel and Rigby at the station. We then caught the tram to Sister Rookhuizen's where we stayed until time for the meeting. Then we went to the hall, the "Geelink" on the boulevard. There were 240 people in the meeting of which 57 were non-members. I spoke first and then Brother Schulthess and finally Apostle Lyman. I was able to speak with much ease and I felt this was through the direction of the Holy Ghost. President Lyman spoke with a great deal of authority and everyone was very attentive even though the meeting lasted more than two hours. A wonderful spirit prevailed. After the meeting I spoke with an Englishman who was there about the gospel. After that we went to Sister Rookhuizen's and from here Brothers Schulthess, Taylor and I went to the office while Brother and Sister Lyman stayed there.

Saturday, June 15th.

After breakfast in the office this morning we went to Sister Rookhuizen's

and from there we took a vehicle and went around the city. We then took the train to the Hague where we stopped off. We then got a vehicle and went to the "House in the Forest", which we visited. After that we returned and saw the Queens Palace. We then took the steam-tram to Scheveningen where we stayed for a short time. A strong wind was blowing and the waves were very large. From here we returned to Rotterdam where we had dinner at the hotel. President Schulthess and I then went to the office and later returned to the hotel where we ^{VISITED} spoke with Brother Lyman.

Sunday, June 16th.

Brother Schulthess went to the office this morning and from there I went with Brothers Weiler, Eardley, and Hickenlooper to the hall where we practiced songs, while Brother Schulthess was escorted to the hall "Excelcior". The 32 missionaries from this mission were all present this morning, also a number of saints from Amsterdam, Dordrecht, and other places. The hall was completely filled. Approximately 300 being present, of which 57 were non-members. I conducted the meeting. After the song and prayer I offered a few words of welcome after which G.B. Denkers spoke to those gathered, also Brothers van den Akker and Crezee. After the meeting I went with President Lyman and Schulthess and Sister Lyman to the hotel, and later to the office to practice songs. Brother Eardley didn't come however ^{so} we could not practice. I forgot to say that in this morning's meeting Brothers Weiler, Eardley, Hickenlooper and I sang a quartet. This afternoon there were only saints and a few friends present, still the total was approximately 259 people. After the sacrament had been served by Brothers Johannes Springer, Pieter J. Graven, Meeuwes Bakker, and L. T. Whitney, Apostle Frances M. Lyman spoke. His talk was translated by Brother De Brij. His instruction was concerning the sacrament and the necessity of being worthy to partake thereof. After that President Schulthess bore his testimony in German, and Brother Yan Meibos Hz'n talked about the signs of the times. After the meeting President Lyman and Schulthess returned to the hotel where Sister Lyman had remained, and we then

went to my room where we had a meal prepared by Sister Uittenbogaard, which was very delicious. President and Sister Lyman and Brother Schulthess went to the hotel while I went to the office. Brothers Weiler, Eardley, Hickenlooper, and I then practiced the quartet. The meeting this evening was in the hall "Caledonia" which was completely filled, approximately 425 people being present, of which more than 100 were non-members. I forgot to say that in this afternoons meeting the General Authorities as well as those of this mission and the conference were read. The report of the mission during the first 5 months of this year showed that 109 persons had been baptized, of which 83 were converts. Brother Lukaas Venema spoke first this evening and did so for over an hour; after which President Lyman spoke giving strong testimony of the divine calling of the prophet Joseph Smith as well as the truthfulness of the Book of Mormon. After that I also gave a short testimony of the truthfulness of this work. During all of these meetings a wonderful spirit has been present and the speakers were guided to speak about subjects of interest. Everyone gave their attention and were strengthened and happy to have been present. After the meeting we, President Lyman and Schulthess and I went to the hotel, where we left President Lyman. We then went and had some icecream to eat.

Monday, June 17th.

This morning at 10:00 o'clock we had priesthood meeting with 32 missionaries of this mission. I went to get President Lyman from the hotel. Every missionary gave a short report of his activities for the past 3 to 6 months. The conference president gave a general report of the situation in their conferences. I then spoke to them concerning various matters for the bettering and progress of the work. Brother Schulthess then gave a report of the activities in Germany and gave some good counsel. Then President Lyman spoke and gave a wonderful direction for the missionaries to gain greater knowledge and understanding, as well as for the promoting and spreading of the gospel. After this meeting I picked up Sister Lyman and took her to my room where President Lyman and Schulthess already were,

and we had something to eat there. I then helped Brother and Sister Lyman to the tram and they went to the hotel while I went to the office, and Brother Schulthess remained in my room. I spoke with the conference presidents regarding various matters dealing with their areas. This evening I went to the hotel and spoke further with President Lyman regarding various matters. He made everything so clear and understandable for me. He further said that he wanted to be a father for me as well as for all my fathers sons, and said that if I would do good he would always be ready to help me in anyway possible. I find his character to be so open and loveable. He attracts people with his personality so that people love his character.

Tuesday, June 18th.

This morning we went to the office where I did a little work. Brother Whitney escorted President and Sister Lyman to the office, afterwhich we all went to an open place a short distance from the office where a photograph was made of 38 people, including the missionaries. Then President Schulthess left us ^{BECAUSE} while he had to travel to Colonge. Brother and Sister Lyman and I went to my room after I had made some arrangements. I left them there and returned to the office to do a little work. We ate at 4:00 o'clock then we went to the hotel and from there to the Grimsby-boat. I hate to see President and Sister Lyman leave ^{SINCE} there visit has been so profitable as well as pleasant. President Lyman is such a strong counselor. Some of the missionaries had come to the boat to see them leave.

Wednesday, June 19th.

I talked with Brother Platt of the Groningen conference this morning and later he left for his field of labor. I also had a talk with Brothers S. Springer and John Tingen who work under the direction of Brother Platt, but have not been working in unity and obedience with him. They thought that ^{BECAUSE} while Brother Springer, who is an elder, and had conducted the meetings in the past when ever the president was not present, he should still have this responsibility above a seventy, and

it would not be possible for the president to appoint someone else in his place. I told them that a seventy is higher than an elder and ^{BEYOND} ~~above~~ that the president can appoint whoever he will among the missionaries to take his place.

Thursday, June 20th.

The meeting this evening was conducted by Brother De Waal. The speakers were Brothers Bel, Denkers, Tingen, and J. Springer. The meeting was well attended and a good spirit prevailed. After the meeting Brothers Lewis, Whitney and I went to Sister van der Wal's where we had a sandwich.

Saturday, June 22nd.

This afternoon I took the train to Utrecht while Brother Crezee went to Arnhem. In Utrecht I went to the city to find the residents ^{CE} ~~of~~ of Brother van Duuren. On the way I met Brother Meibos, who had some handouts he was distributing. I then went to Brother van Duuren while Brother Meibos went on with his work. At Brother van Duurens I was greeted warmly, and I ate with them. After that I went with Brother Meibos to pass out hand bills, because he had so many. There were a lot of people this evening in the city, which was freely decorated for the pageant next week. I went to the public boarding house where I acquired a room for the night.

Sunday, June 23rd.

I arose this morning at 8:00 o'clock. The ^{CATHEDRAL} ~~dome~~ was but a short distance and I could here the bells clearly. They had a beautiful sound. I went to Brother van Duurens and after having a prayer Brother Meibos and I went to the hall which had been rented at 25 Jansveld Street. In this mornings meeting there were approximately 18 people present of which 12 were non-members. About 7 more non-members came but left before the end of the meeting. Brother Meibos spoke first and after that I spoke. I then went to Brother van Duurens and had a sandwich. Miss Bertha Laperre, who is investigating the gospel, came to Brother van Duurens. Brother Meibos and I then went for a walk in the plantation, which is beautiful. The city of Utrecht is surrounded with plantations and

pathways and boulevards that are unusually free. Later we had dinner with Brother van Duuren after he returned from his job as a police agent. After that we visited with an investigator of the gospel, Mr. Dibbits, and talked with him. In the meeting this evening I was the first speaker and then Brother Meibos. There were approximately 13 or 14 non-members who remained to the end of the meeting while 7 or 8 came only for the first little while. I had a difficult time today expressing myself, particularly in this mornings meeting. This evening we went again to Brother van Duurens for a sandwich after which I went to the public boarding house to sleep.

Monday, June 24th. 1901.

This morning I worked and then had breakfast. Brother Meibos came to the public rooming house and I went with him to the city. We visited various areas of the city which were beautifully decorated for the pageant tomorrow. We also saw a procession of students from the academy of Utrecht. We then went along the boulevards around the city. We visited Miss van der Sluis, an elderly lady with whom we spoke about the gospel. After that we went to Miss Wed. van Putten, but her daughter said she was not at home. We ate at Brother van Duurens and about 8:00 o'clock went to a mans house but he was not at home. We then visited Mrs. de Jonge Luchten and her daughter and talked with them concerning the gospel. I slept again in the public rooming house. I went to Brother van Duurens this morning. After a while Brother Vrekke and his wife came to visit. Brother Meibos and I then went to the city to see the pageant.

(*The journal is then in English until Wednesday, June 26th.)

Wednesday, June 26th.

This morning the streets were decorated with flags and bunting, because "Uncle" Paul Kruger will arrive in Rotterdam today. This afternoon there were a lot of people on the streets. Brother de Brij^{AI} went to the archery house by way of the Coolveft, where for a small fee we were able to get a place on a canal boat directly before the door in which President Kruger would go to be present to be

with a particular group of people. He arrived led by ² policeman on horses in a vehicle with the mayor of the city of Rotterdam and accompanied by a group of drab french farmers in yellow clothing with weapons on horses. Uncle Paul appeared to be healthy but his hair and beard were completely white and it was easy to see that he was quite old.

Thursday, June 27th.

I neglected to say that when President Lyman was here he talked with me about releasing Elder Henry M. Lewis in September, because his wife is not yet in the Church and he was weak at the time he arrived on his mission. I also talked with Brother Jan Meibos Kz'n in Utrecht on the 24th concerning his release and told him that he would be released on the 15th of ~~next~~ July. This evening I went in the meeting where Brother de Brij was the speaker, ~~Afterwards this~~ song practice was held. Brother Noorda, de Waal and Fluit, the priesthood of the branch and Brother De Brij remained in the hall after the meeting and we consulted with one-another regarding various brothers who are to be ordained into the priesthood.

Friday, June 28th.

It was 57 years ago yesterday that the prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum, the patriarch of the church, were murdered in cold blood for ~~on~~ other reason than that they were servants of the Lord and preached the truth. The powers of darkness have tried through his death to hinder or destroy the work of these latter-days, but they have not succeeded showing that this Church is not built upon one man.

Brother Percy Goddard, who fulfilled his mission in Germany, arrived here on Wednesday and went with Brother Whitney to Amsterdam. They came back today and Brother Goddard began his trip to London and Liverpool this evening.

Saturday, June 29th. 1901

We are having beautiful summer weather lately. It is not too warm, but there is a refreshing breeze blowing.

*This is the end of the Dutch.