

Soren and Berthe Olsen from Denmark to Salt Lake City

The following journal of the Forsgren company came from *Heart Throbs of the West*, Volume Six, pages 1-31. It offers a unique view of the day to day life of a pioneer company in the early 1850's. A large range of experience is shown in the journal and the author did not portray the trip from Denmark to Utah as a romantic adventure, but rather a difficult journey with some bittersweet experiences along the way.

Note: The Forsgren company was not the first group of Danish pioneers to come to Salt Lake City. A small group came the year before in 1852, so the Forsgren company being the "first Danish company" is somewhat a misnomer.

April 3, 1853 an account of the wedding of Soren and Berthe.
June 23, 1853 an account of Soren being stepped on by oxen.

A PIONEER JOURNAL, FORSGREN COMPANY, CONTAINING STORY OF THE FIRST DANISH COMPANY TO EMIGRATE TO UTAH

Soon after the Latter-day Saint religion was introduced in Scandinavia in the early 50's, the people of those northern European countries who had accepted Mormonism left their homes, families and friends to build anew in far off Utah, in the land of America. The year 1853 brought about 300 Scandinavian immigrants. These converts had affiliated themselves with a religion which was unpopular, hence they were ostracized, hated, and despised, even by their own people." There were made the subject of all manner of unchristian treatment, so that they were glad to sell all they owned and start for Zion. Although they knew very little of the English language, nothing of American customs and ways, their belief and faith carried them through the trials and sufferings of the pioneer immigrant, who crossed the ocean, plains and mountains to reach their destination, their Zion.

From their journals we glean the truest picture of pioneering and we are happy to present in this chapter the day by day account of the Forsgren Immigrant Company of 1853. It presents a clear picture of how these Saints were required to live up to every principle of their religion in those early days.

We are not certain who wrote this diary; Andrew Jenson, former Church Historian, who read the original journal written in Danish, and had his grandson, Earl Olson, translate it, did not think John E. Forsgren was the author, but rather some member of the company designated to keep the record of the group. The original is in the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Library at the State Capitol.

HISTORY OF THE OLD JOURNAL

My mother's sister, Maryann M. Snyder, was born March 1, 1842, in Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois, and came to Utah with her parents in the year of 1847. Mother was born February 26, 1847, at Winter Quarters, Nebraska. She died the 7th of December, 1877, just six months and three days after I was born at Salem, Utah County, Utah. My mother's parents, Robert A. Snyder and Almeda M. Livermore, were living in Payson, Utah. Their daughter, Maryann Forsgren, lived with them and she was at that time 35 years of age. At my mother's death they took me to their home where I lived with them till I was 10 years of age. I can well remember John E. Forsgren coming there to my grandfather's place in Payson to see my Aunt Maryann and how jealous I was over his coming to see my aunt. I did not think she should pay attention to anyone but me. She tried to make me understand that he was her husband. I do not know when they were married but I have the original patriarchal blessing given to Maryann Forsgren, January 13, 1874. As I got older I heard grandfather and grandmother, as well as Aunt Maryann talk about her husband, John E. Forsgren. When my aunt died on the 17th of October, 1915, she left a trunk filled with old papers, which I saved for the purpose of gathering genealogy. Among them were many of John Forsgren's writings and clippings. I did not know of any of the Forsgren people to give them to, and they were of no benefit to me, so I burned them all but the small record book which in 1942 I gave to Kate B. Carter.

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THE FORSGREN COMPANY

Shortly after the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the missionary system was organized. In 1850 the first elders were sent to open a mission in the Scandinavian countries. Elder Erastus Snow, leader of this mission, arrived in Copenhagen June 14, 1850, accompanied by George P. Dykes and John E. Forsgren. Peter O. Hansen, a native of Denmark, had been converted in America and came with Elder Erastus Snow from America. However, Brother Hansen preceded Brother Snow into Denmark and met the three brethren mentioned above took them to a hotel and acted as interpreter.

Within a few days after their arrival, these elders commenced missionary work which soon spread from Denmark into Norway and Sweden. Numerous converts were made in these countries, especially in Denmark. Soon the earnest desire to emigrate to Zion became quite general among these converts. Arrangements were made for a large company to leave for America and by the latter part of December nearly three hundred persons were ready to say goodbye to their homes.

On December 20, 1852, this company boarded the steamship "Obetrit" at Copenhagen for Kiel in Holstein.. From here the company proceeded by rail to Hamburg, where it boarded the steamship "Lion," bound for Hull, England. After encountering a furious storm on the North Sea, the "Lion" arrived at Hull on December 28, 1852. More than one hundred ships had been destroyed by the fury of this storm and the "Lion" caused great surprise among the people of Hull when it steamed into the harbor.

From Hull the emigrating Saints took rail to Liverpool where they arrived on December 29th. On December 31st the company went on board the packet ship "Forest Monarch." Owing to very stormy weather this ship could not leave Liverpool until January 16, 1853. The rough, long and tiresome journey was filled with many trying events. The provisions were poor, the fresh water gave out, four deaths occurred and three children were born. The "Forest Monarch" arrived at New Orleans in safety and after a few days the company left for St. Louis by river boat. At St. Louis the company remained for nearly one month and then proceeded up the Mississippi by steamboat to Keokuk, Iowa. Here the Saints purchased wagons and oxen and prepared for their overland journey. They left on May 21st with 34 wagons and 130 oxen, crossed Iowa and reached Council Bluffs on the Missouri River and after a long and tedious journey reached Salt Lake City, September 30, 1853 -A. William Lund.

Soon after their arrival in the valley, President Young advised these Saints, who were accustomed to a cold climate, to continue their journey to Sanpete Valley and see what they could do to assist in making a success of the settlement already founded there. Part of the company went to Sanpete and helped in the settlement of Manti, Ephraim, Spring City and other towns in that county. Other members of the group went to Boulder County. In the Daughters of Pioneer history of that county we read:

"Late in the fall of 1853, John E. Forsgren arrived here with part of the first organized company of Latter-day Saints to emigrate from Scandinavia. William Knudsen, August Valentine, Peter A. Forsgren, Erika Forsgren, James Olson and some others came with this company and were first housed by the residents of the fort."

THE JOURNAL

The following is a translation from a Danish journal of one of the immigrants who emigrated to America in John E. Forsgren's Company:

Monday, December 20, 1852. At 12:30 p.m. we sailed from Copenhagen for Kiel on the small ship "Obetrit."

Wednesday, Dec. 22. The anchor was lifted this morning and we again proceeded on our way; in the evening we arrived at Kiel. There was a good deal of sickness among the brethren and sisters on this trip, but the Lord was kind to them all, and only one needed the help of a doctor. We heard that a very large ship which had sailed at the same time that our ship sailed had driven in the storm, lost one of its boats, and received much more damage than ours.

Thursday, Dec. 23. At 6:30 a.m. we left Kiel on the railroad, and arrived at Altona at 9:30, where we were very kindly received. Through the courtesy of Morris & Co. we were served warm food and drinks, which were very refreshing. The remainder of the day we stayed in Altona.

Friday, Dec. 24. We felt strengthened today by both spiritual and bodily food. At 2 p.m. we sailed on the steamship "Lion" for Hull, England. We all got on board all right, with the exception of Sister Knudsen, who was sick and could not sail with us. After having sailed until 8:45 in the evening, we dropped anchor at Cuxhaven, as the captain dared not sail farther on account of fog and storm. We remained at anchor all Christmas Eve, and throughout the night.

Saturday, Dec. 25. We remained at anchor until one o'clock in the afternoon, when the anchor was lifted and we sailed to the coast of Holland called Nye Werk. Here, after sailing for three-fourths of an hour more, we again dropped anchor. At midnight the anchor was again lifted and we proceeded on our way towards England.

Tuesday, Dec. 28. After sailing all of Sunday and Monday, and most of today we arrived, through the grace and kindness of God, at Hull, England, at 5 o'clock in the evening. We had come through a storm, the like of which the captain of the ship said he had never been out in. Some of the ship's cargo was ruined, and the wind was so strong that our clothes were nearly blown overboard, The Lord helped and strengthened all of us both in body and soul so that we could continue our journey without delay.

Wednesday, Dec. 29. At 12 o'clock noon we boarded a railroad train for Liverpool, where we arrived at 9 o'clock that evening. We were all happy and well; and were shown to a place where we received warm food and drink, and a night's lodging.

Friday, Dec. 31. We came on board the ship which the Lord had chosen to carry us to New Orleans. It was a frigate called the "Forest Monarch," a large and strong vessel. While on board the ship today some of the Saints suffered from hunger. This day closes the year 1852, during which many great blessings have come to us. My prayer is that they may also continue throughout the coming year, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Now, in the name of Jesus Christ, the only Begotten of the Father, I humbly write something in the new year, and turn my attention to writing the most important happenings that God will let occur to His people in this year; and I pray that the blessings and grace of God may be with and continue over us from now and until all eternity, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Saturday, January 1, 1853. The first day of the new year had come, .and the Lord blessed us again with the

necessities of life. In the evening a gathering was held, and the blessings of the Lord were with us. A child was born to Brother W. Andersen's wife.

Sunday, Jan. 2. The blessings of the Lord were with us again this day, and meetings were held on board ship.

Friday, Jan. 7. Inasmuch as a good order had not been instituted in connection with the preparation of food, cleaning, and water, and some had complained, Brother Julius Christensen called all the brethren together. The following was proposed and unanimously accepted:

1st. That Brothers Hans Christian Hansen and F. H. (or H. F.) Petersen should supervise delivery to the kitchen of the necessities for the -preparation of food at dinner.

2nd. That Brothers Ole Christian Nielsen and O. V. Svendsen should supervise the cleaning on board ship.

3rd. That Brothers William Andersen, Mads Christian Jensen, R. Johnsen, Ipsen, Wilhelm Andersen, C. T. Sorensen, Christian Nielsen, Aagren, Niels Pedersen, Niels Mikkelsen, Niels Peter L. Domgaard, Frederick Jensen, and Ole Svendsen should be named as captains over those who divided out the day's dinner to the brethren and sisters on board the ship.

4th. That Brothers Andersen, Hans Larsen, R. Johnsen, Christian Bernsen, Knud Nielsen, Christian Christiansen, and O. Chr. Nielsen should be appointed captains over those who were to give fresh water to the brethren and sisters and supply the necessary salt water to the kitchen.

5th. To be of help in preparing food in the kitchen were chosen Bros. Hansen and Andersen, and Sister Frederikke Frederiksen. In the evening a meeting was held.

Saturday, Jan. 8. The blessings of the Lord were also with us. Elder Forsgren and Brothers Willard Snow, Hansen, and Prebe (who had arrived here from Utah on his way to Denmark), came on board and in the evening held a meeting. Brothers Snow, Forsgren, Christiansen, and Prebe spoke to the Saints. There were four couples on board who desired to enter into the contract of marriage, and Brother J. E. Forsgren performed the ceremonies; the Saints gave their unanimous consent. Those who were married were: R. Johnsen and Birgithe Groette; O. Chr. Nielsen and Christine Gotfredsen; Christian Bernsen and Marie Andersen; and Christen Hansen and Cissel L. A child of Brother Sorensen, Dykes Willard Sorensen, was blessed by Brother John E. Forsgren, and then Brother Forsgren closed the meeting with prayer. Following the meeting the brethren and sisters enjoyed the evening in dancing and music.

Monday, Jan. 10. A meeting was held on board. At 10 o'clock this evening Christen Jensen, age 82 1/2 years, passed away.

Tuesday, Jan. 11. Brother Forsgren again came on board. Later in the day word came to send the body of Christen Jensen ashore where it would be buried. A meeting was held in the evening, and Brothers O. Chri. Nielsen, R. Johnsen, S. Thomsen and Elder Forsgren spoke. A good spirit was present at the meeting; great blessings were over us; and all the brethren and sisters raised their hands in agreement to live in harmony with each other, so that they also might be obedient to the ship's officers, and that the blessings of the Lord might be with us.

Wednesday, Jan. 12. The blessings of the Lord were with us, but about 4 o'clock a son of Brother N. P. Domgaard (Lauritz Elias Domgaard) passed away, and ten minutes later Christiane Nielsen, age 26, passed away.

Thursday, Jan. 13. The blessings of the Lord were again with us. In the afternoon the bodies of those who had died were taken ashore, to be buried at Liverpool. A meeting was held in the evening, at which Elder Forsgren spoke words of sympathy and inspiration to us. Brothers Johnsen and Aagren also spoke.

Friday, Jan. 14. Another meeting was held this evening. A good spirit was present among the brethren and

sisters, and we have learned considerable. Complaints' had almost ceased; some few, who had been sick for quite a while, were still ill. Brother Chr. Christiansen read a few passages from the Book of Mormon, prayer was held, and we all retired to our own.

Sunday, Jan. 16. The weather was fine. We have now been on this ship 16 days. Many great and important things have been revealed to us. The Lord has inspired His servant, Elder Forsgren, with His spirit, and murmurings and complaints which had been among us have ceased, and we have commenced to progress again. A meeting was held in the forenoon at which Brothers Christiansen and Christensen spoke encouragingly to us. About 11:30 this morning the anchor was lifted, and about 12 o'clock noon a steam tugboat came and pulled us out until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when it left us. It was cold and had begun to rain a little. All the Saints were well except eight who were more or less sick, some because of the water. We have lost 3 persons, before named, and the Lord has given us two which makes one less than when we left Copenhagen. In the evening Elder Forsgren spoke to us, and we partook for the first time on this voyage the holy Sacrament. The meeting was opened with prayer by Elder Forsgren. It rained and blew a little in the evening. Brother Jeppe Bensen (Bentzen), who had been bitten in the leg while in Hamburg, by a dog, had to remain in Liverpool as his leg became badly infected and swollen; and his leg smelled so terribly that it would have infected the whole ship, and no one would have been able to attend to him.

Monday, Jan. 17. The weather was good with a slight wind.

Thursday, Jan. 20. The weather remained about the same. Brother Hans Larsen fell and knocked his arm out of place, but Brothers Forsgren, Hansen and Domgaard took hold of it and Elder Forsgren put it in place, and anointed it with oil. In the evening the Saints danced and sang. Brother Christiansen played on his violin, which brought joy to his listeners. Brothers Forsgren, Knud Christensen, Christian Christiansen, E. Christiansen, Aagren, Lars A. Justesen, and Hansen spoke. The gathering closed with a song, and prayer by Brother Forsgren.

Friday, Jan. 21, 1853. The wind and weather were good, although it blew quite hard. In the evening Elder Forsgren spoke; Sister Hansen and her son, and Sister Piel were blessed, and prayer was held. In this meeting Elder Forsgren proposed, and it was unanimously accepted, first, that talks be given on the Building up of Zion, and the Thousand Years' Reign, and that questions be asked on these subjects; and second, that four brethren talk, each of them being given half an hour. It was unanimously voted that these four brethren should be Andreas Aagren, Ole C. Nielsen, H. J. Christensen, and Christian Christiansen, who were all elders, and that these talks should be given Monday evenings at 7 o'clock.

Saturday, Jan. 22. The wind did not blow quite so strong. In the evening President Forsgren spoke a short time out on the deck, and prayer was held there.

Sunday, Jan. 23. There was only a slight wind today, but we still moved forward. At a meeting held in the afternoon Elder Forsgren spoke and read a revelation which was given to Joseph Smith in Nauvoo on July 12, 1843. The meeting was opened by Elder Forsgren, and closed with prayer by C. Christiansen. In the evening Brother Knud Christensen offered prayer.

Monday, Jan. 24. The wind was very good, and we had a little rain in the afternoon. A meeting was held this evening, as arranged. It opened with a song, and prayer was offered by President Forsgren. Brothers Aagren, O. C. Nielsen, H. J. Christensen, and C. Christiansen talked on the Building up of Zion and what we should do in the Thousand Year Reign. Following these talks Elder Forsgren spoke extensively on the same subjects. It was then proposed and unanimously accepted that on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock talks should be given on the Priesthood, beginning with the Aaronic, or lesser Priesthood. Brothers M. Chr. Jensen, Pehr (Peter) A. Forsgren, Jens Knudsen, and Sorensen were unanimously proposed and accepted to give these talks. The meeting closed with prayer by Brother H. J. Christensen.

Tuesday, Jan. 25. The weather was good. With a strong wind this morning one of the sails was torn to pieces. In the afternoon the wind came up so strong that most of the sails had to be furled; the wind was accompanied by hail and rain, and made it very difficult to steer the boat. The storm continued for some time. Towards evening we saw a ship which had lost part of its bowsprit. Brother P. C. Nielsen fell and

received a hard bump.

Wednesday, Jan. 26. We had a good wind with occasional clouds and rain and hail. In the evening Brother Forsgren spoke a little, and prayer was offered by Brother Justesen. Sister Sorensen fell and hurt her knee.

Thursday, Jan. 27. The weather was very good; the sun shone high and warm in the heavens. The wind rose in the evening, with much lightning. As arranged last Monday, our speakers this evening were Brothers J. Knudsen, Peter A. Forsgren, M. Chr. Jensen, and Sorensen, but they all desired that Elder J. E. Forsgren should speak on the assigned subject and thus instruct them all. This he did. It was proposed and unanimously accepted that the following Monday, if weather permitted, talks should be given on the Gathering of Israel and the Building up of Jerusalem. And it was unanimously accepted that Brothers N. Mikkelsen, V. Andersen, N. P. Domgaard, and Niels Lauritz Christensen should handle these subjects. The meeting was opened with song, and prayer by Elder Forsgren, and closed with prayer by Brother Aagren. In the evening prayer was held in the cabin.

Saturday, Jan. 29. We had good wind and weather. In the afternoon it happened that the "Hae" sail halyard broke. In the evening Brother Hans Christian Hansen offered prayer.

Sunday, Jan. 30. The wind and weather were again good. Brother Knud Christensen offered prayer this morning. In the afternoon a meeting was held on the deck. After the opening song, prayer was offered by Brother John E. Forsgren, who then spoke. Following him, Brothers W. Andersen, O. Svendsen, and Chr. Christiansen spoke, and Elder John E. Forsgren said a few more words. The meeting closed with a song, and prayer by Brother C. T. Sorensen. The brethren and sisters rejoiced in the words of comfort and instruction which had been given them. In the evening Brother C. M. Olsen prayed. The weather was good and we came into the zone of the trade winds.

Monday, Jan. 31. The weather was good and the wind very fine. In the morning Brother Chr. Christiansen offered prayer. As per arrangements, a meeting was held this evening. Brothers Niels Lauritz Christensen, W. (or V.) Andersen, N. P. Domgaard and N. Mikkelsen were the speakers, as appointed last Thursday evening. Brother Chr. Christiansen also talked on the appointed subject, and said that he had many questions to give which he would like answered. Brother John E. Forsgren spoke next, and at the close of his talk asked Brother Christiansen to give the questions which he desired answered. They were given, and then Brother Forsgren proposed that the following questions be answered (which was unanimously accepted): How shall the Devil be bound, and with what chain shall he be bound? Why shall he come up out of the ground and lead away the people, and who are the people he will lead away?

Thereafter, it was unanimously agreed that Brothers William Andersen, R. Johnson, O. Svendsen, and F. H. (or H. F.) Petersen should speak on these questions next Monday evening. The meeting was opened with prayer by Elder J. E. Forsgren, and closed with prayer by Brother Christiansen.

Thursday, Feb. 3. The weather and wind were good, with occasional storm clouds. This morning Brother Ipsen informed us that his child had died, and at 10 a.m. it was cast into the sea. We met this evening as per previous arrangement and heard Brothers W. Anderson, Mikkel Johnsen, O. Svendsen and H. F. Petersen speak on the appointed questions. Elder Forsgren spoke a few words of warning and advice to us, and then Brother Chr. Christiansen spoke. He said he had been about to see how obedient the brethren and sisters were in attending meeting, and found Brothers Holzhansen and Hansen laughing and playing in one end of the ship about the same time that meeting was on. He wished that the brethren and sisters would keep their children clean and not let vermin of any sort spread over the ship. It was proposed by President Forsgren, and unanimously accepted that next Sunday be observed as a Fast Day. The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Forsgren, and closed with prayer by Brother Christiansen.

Sunday, Feb. 6. As arranged, we observed Fast Day. Meeting was opened with prayer; the spirit of the Lord was with us in rich abundance. Several stood up and acknowledged their faults; many talks were given which were inspirational and upbuilding. The morning was closed with prayer by Elder John E. Forsgren, and the congregation dismissed for one-half hour. The meeting was opened again by Brother Chr. Christiansen. The spirit of the Lord was again present. The holy Sacrament was administered; the closing

prayer was offered by Elder Forsgren. I was also present and felt lifted up, and received rich blessings.

Monday, Feb. 7. This morning Poul Poulsen, a son of Brother Anders Poulsen, died, and his body was cast into the sea. In the afternoon a son of Brother H. C.. Hansen became so sick that he was nearly dead, but after having been blessed twice by Elders John E. Forsgren and Chr. Christiansen, and several of the brethren, he began to get better, for which I am thankful to my Heavenly Father. At 7 o'clock in the evening the brethren and sisters assembled in meeting, which was opened with prayer by Elder Forsgren. As per arrangement, four brethren should have talked on the Resurrection, but inasmuch as they had only been notified just before meeting, and as it was very warm, it was decided that they should speak the following Thursday evening on the Resurrection. They were Justesen, H. C. Hansen, Chr. Christensen, and N. Pedersen. Elder Forsgren spoke to the congregation, and the meeting was closed with a song, and prayer by Elder W. Andersen. In the evening there was some very strong lightning.

Thursday, Feb. 10. The wind was about the same. In the evening we held the appointed meeting, which was opened with prayer by Elder Forsgren. The brethren talked on the resurrection, as appointed, following which Elder John E. Forsgren also talked on the same subject. It was decided to have talks on the resurrection the following Monday evening; and to have a day of fasting and prayer next Sunday, just like the past Sunday. Elder Forsgren closed the meeting with prayer.

Sunday, Feb. 13. The brethren and sisters met as appointed for fasting and prayer. Brothers Chr. Christiansen and O. Svendsen spoke. Brother Sorensen stood up and acknowledged his faults, and after him his wife also acknowledged her faults and prayed the congregation to forgive her. Next Brother Chr. Christiansen arose and spoke to Brothers Andersen and Justesen, and Brother Andersen stood up and explained that he had talked with a Brother Holzhansen, who had broken the laws of God. and never came to meeting, and who had turned to sin and worldly ways and would not turn therefrom, but who still said that he served God and had always done so. He had asked Brother Holzhansen to come and talk with Elder John E. Forsgren, but he had not done so. Brothers Andersen and Justesen had talked with him, but there was no hope for his becoming better and repenting. Brother Andersen gave this testimony alone, as Brother Justesen was sick and could not be to meeting. Brothers William Andersen and N. Mikkelsen next stood up and corroborated the testimony which Brother Andersen gave. Brother Chr. Christiansen proposed that Brother Holzhansen be cut off the Church, which was seconded by Brother H. J. Christensen, and unanimously agreed by the congregation.

Thereafter. Brother Christiansen said that there had been complaints about Brother Andersen and his wife, that they did not live as they should, and were not united. This was also established by Brother N. Mikkelsen, who said that he had talked with Brother Andersen's wife, and she had told him that she did not recognize him as a servant of God. Brother H. Johnsen said that he had talked to Brother Andersen, but that his counsel had not been received. After Brothers Chr. Christiansen and John E. Forsgren had talked to them and asked them if they would repent, and if Brother Andersen would conduct himself according to his calling and nothing more, Brother Andersen stood and asked the brethren and sisters to forgive him and remember him in their prayers.

Brother Andersen's wife acknowledged her faults also, and asked forgiveness. It was unanimously agreed to forgive them. After prayer by Brother Christiansen, the meeting adjourned for half an hour. It had prayer by Brother C. T. Sorensen. The brethren and sisters rejoiced in the words of comfort and instruction which had been given them. In the evening Brother C. M. Olsen prayed. The weather was good and we came into the zone of the trade winds.

Monday, Feb. 14. We had only a very slight wind. A meeting should have been held in the evening, but Brother John E. Forsgren called the Elders of each Mess together and talked to them, and said that inasmuch as the weather was so warm that it would be harmful to have a meeting below decks. It was unanimously accepted to discontinue holding meetings in the evening. This afternoon a child was born to Brother Jens Hansen's wife.

Tuesday, Feb. 15. A sailing vessel was close by this morning but soon sailed past us. There have also been several other vessels on' previous days which have sailed past. I have been enjoying very good health. This

afternoon the call rang out "Land" (the island Desirade), and in the evening we passed by Gouadelope. This evening a child was born to the wife of Poul Christian Larsen. A good wind sprang up towards evening.

Friday, Feb. 18. I saw a large flock of birds.

Saturday, Feb. 19. In the morning I saw the eastern point of the island of St. Domingo, called Altavella. In the evening we passed Pt. Gravois and Cape Tiburon.

Sunday, Feb. 20. We passed C. Tiburon, and could see the whole of it, although the mountains were so high that the clouds came down their slopes, and in one place the top of a mountain could be seen above the clouds. A meeting was held in the morning, which was opened with prayer by Brother C. Christiansen. N. Chr. Christiansen, Christian Christiansen, Chr. Willardsen, and Peter A. Forsgren spoke. The afternoon meeting opened with song, and prayer by Chr. Christiansen. Elders Forsgren, C. Christiansen, Aagren, R. Johnsen and Sister Petersen spoke. The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Forsgren.

Monday, Feb. 21. I could still see the western part of the island of St. Domingo. The wind was not very good. In the afternoon Ipsen's child died.

Wednesday, Feb. 23. Beautiful weather. At 3 o'clock this afternoon we sailed over a bank just north of Jamaica. The water was so clear that we could see the bottom. After sailing two or three hours we had to change our course and head southward over the bank, over which we luckily passed in safety. The weather was quite calm, but a better wind came up in the night.

Thursday, Feb. 24. We passed by Jamaica, a high land through the center of which is a stretch of high mountains. There was hardly any wind this afternoon, and we tacked but slowly. Towards evening it began to rain; a good wind arose and we sailed rapidly.

Friday, Feb. 25. Also good wind. We could still see Jamaica. In the evening the leeboard sail blew down.

Sunday, Feb. 27. The wind was still good. A meeting was held this morning. After a song, Elder Forsgren offered prayer. Brother Forsgren, H. J. Christensen, and M. Chr. Jensen spoke of the upbuilding and teaching of the Saints. Elder Chr. Christiansen gave the closing prayer. Meeting in the afternoon was opened with song, and prayer by Elder Christiansen. Brother M. Johnsen spoke to the edification of the Saints, and Brother Christiansen counseled us to go forward... Elder John E. Forsgren spoke next, and counseled us to refrain from carelessness, and to serve God so that neither earthquakes nor destruction's would come over us and the Lord not stay His hand to protect us. I feel my weakness and pray God to help me. Elder H. J. Christensen closed the meeting with prayer. In the evening we passed by Cape St. Antoni.

Monday, Feb. 28. A child of Brother Poul Chr. Larsen died in the evening. We had a good wind.

Tuesday, March 1. It rained hard during the night; we had a contrary wind until in the afternoon, when we had a little better wind. The brethren met, as called by Elder Forsgren. Elder Forsgren spoke and counseled on the things which would be necessary in sailing up the river, with regard to the necessities of life, and on what should be done with the poor who did not have enough money for the rest of the journey. There had been some doubt among the Saints as to their money, so it was explained to them. This brought peace to them, and several stood up and declared their willingness to offer their money and what extra they had to Elder Forsgren to handle as he saw best. Elders Chr. Christiansen and H. J. Christensen spoke also, and bore witness to Elder Forsgren's honesty in handling their money. It was unanimously voted to offer all for the welfare of Zion and the building up of the Kingdom of God. The meeting closed with prayer and thankfulness to the Lord for His grace and spirit which had been with us, by Elder C. Christiansen. I felt uplifted in spirit and desired to serve God.

Wednesday, Mar. 2. The wind has changed, and it is necessary for us to tack again.

Sunday, Mar. 6. The wind was good. A meeting was held in the forenoon, which was opened with song, and prayer by Brother O. Chr. Nielsen, and closed with prayer by Elder C. Christiansen. Elders H. J.

Christensen, C. Christiansen and John E. Forsgren spoke. In the afternoon Elders O. Chr. Nielsen, Father C. Christensen and J. E. Forsgren spoke words of counsel; N. P. Domgaard spoke, and then Brother Rasmus Christensen said that he had dreamed that he saw the sun as it was when two hours high in the Heaven. On each side there was a crown; and on one side was a man on a horse. The man held a sword in his hand. Then he saw that God reached out his hand and hit at the earth twice. This woke him up and he prayed to the Lord. The meeting was opened with prayer by A. Aagren, and closed with prayer by Elder J. E. Forsgren.

Monday, Mar. 7. In the morning we could see the land of America. We came into the Mississippi River and sailed up it until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when we anchored. Shortly after, Elder John E. Forsgren went ashore to put in order, the necessary preparations for the rest of our journey. In the evening Brother Jorgensen's wife died.

Tuesday, Mar. 8. A casket was made this morning for Sister Jorgensen, and about 12 o'clock noon we went ashore and buried her on an island where there were many tree stumps. The land here was very rich; there was a lighthouse. This is the first land I have trodden on, and I prayed to God, on my face, that He would bless me. We remained in that place the rest of the day. I wrote home to my parents.

Friday, Mar. 11. A child of Brother Pedersen died.

Saturday, Mar. 12. The wife of Brother C. Christensen died.

Sunday, Mar. 13. Brother Ipsen, Elder, died.

Monday, Mar. 14. At 1 a.m. Jens Christian, son of Elder M. Chr. Jensen, died. The body was buried. Shortly after noon two tugboats came and towed us until in the evening, when anchor was dropped. It rained heavily today.

Tuesday, Mar. 15. We again got under way, towed by the two tugboats, and continued until late forenoon, when the tugboats left us. In the afternoon we got under way, towed by one tugboat. The first house we saw was one in which two black men lived. The house was built on poles, and outside of it was a sort of house which could float on the water. We saw this on the right hand side; on the left side was a lighthouse, and farther in were several buildings. We sailed up the river, which was so wide that four large ships could sail side by side. Trees could be seen on the banks of the river.

Wednesday, Mar. 16. We saw many small buildings; I heard the birds singing, and it seemed just like spring. There were fields of beets, just as in Denmark; and the trees looked just as they do in the spring. The banks of the river were covered with driftwood; but everything looked full of life and very good. There were white people who lived in these places; and I saw children who were black. There were both men and women who were black. Many small, beautiful buildings were built on poles, and we passed by a church. There were many animals, and in one place I saw some people driving in a closed-in wagon. On the left side there was a factory, and elsewhere the earth was cultivated. In one place they were plowing with four oxen hooked together.

Thursday, Mar. 17. This forenoon, about 10:30, we arrived at New Orleans. (Andersen's case.) I was up in the bow with Elder John E. Forsgren and several others, and bread was purchased for the brethren and sisters. In the evening a child of Brother Christian Ipsen C. Munk died. A meeting was held this morning, in which Elder John E. Forsgren talked to the brethren and sisters, and warned them against going up in the town, as there were many ungodly people there and it was the worst place they could go. After his counsel, he advised them to give Mr. Denziger a gift. Elders Christiansen, H. J. Christensen, and N. Mikkelsen spoke. The latter said he wished to return good for evil, and he wished to give him a gift. It was unanimously agreed to give him twelve Amen, can dollars. The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder Forsgren.

Friday, Mar. 18. In the afternoon Brother Hans Larsen's child died and was buried in New Orleans, together with Brother Munk's child. A child was born to Brother Dinnesen's wife

Saturday, Mar. 19. All of our belongings were brought on board a steamship to which we were transferred, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon we sailed for St. Louis. It was a good ship. Brother W. Andersen and his wife left us at New Orleans. Almost everyone was well; but Brothers C. Christensen and Anna Beckstrom were not entirely well.

Sunday, Mar. 20. No meetings were held. Provisions were dealt out to the brethren and sisters. The ship stopped in the afternoon to take on a cargo of sugar. We sailed again in the evening.

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Tuesday, Mar. 29. In the forenoon we arrived at St. Louis, with all well except Brothers C. Christensen and N. Hansen. No accidents had befallen us on this journey. The blessings of God were over us and all were well.

Wednesday, Mar. 30. We left the ship, and went into the town (St. Louis) to a place which had been prepared for us this for the sake of our health, as it was not wise to go up the Missouri River.

Saturday, Apr. 2. In the evening Brother C. Christensen's son died.

Sunday, Apr. 3. Brother C. Christensen died in the afternoon; in the forenoon Sister Dinnesen passed away. A meeting was held this afternoon, which was opened with prayer by Elder Chr. Christiansen. Elder J. E. Forsgren spoke a few words, and then announced that there were three couples who wished to enter into the bonds of marriage. It was unanimously sustained by the congregation. The three couples were: Soren Olesen and Berthe Pedersen; Gerhardt Jensen and Else Marie Christensen; Frederick Jensen and Johanne Christensen. Elder Forsgren next performed the ceremony. The meeting was closed with song and prayer by Elder Forsgren.

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Sunday, Apr. 10. In the morning the brethren and sisters gathered in meeting, which was opened with prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen. Elder M. Johnsen spoke and counseled with a spirit of love; he was thankful for the privilege of talking. Elder J. E. Forsgren spoke and explained several things to us. The blessings of the Lord were over us. The meeting closed with song and prayer. In the afternoon another meeting was held. Several brethren spoke and the Lord's blessings were with us. The Sacrament was administered. Elder Forsgren wished to know if the brethren and sisters were willing to travel to Keokuk. All were, and signified so by the raising of their hands. Brother Dinnesen's child was blessed by Elder Christiansen. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Sunday, Apr. 17. The brethren and sisters again met in meeting. Elder Forsgren offered the opening prayer. Elder Chr. Christiansen read part of the revelation given December 16, 1833, and spoke of many things pertaining to the Holy Ghost. His address was delivered with power, and a confirming of these truths; he counseled us with a spirit of love. Elder Forsgren spoke next, and touched on many things. He said that he did not place his confidence in the money of the brethren and sisters, but in God alone. He explained many things, especially regarding wives ... ; and continued to give us many things of enlightenment, and explained also that if his brother should die, that it would be his right and duty to be answerable for his call, and to see that his wives were sealed to him. Elder Forsgren said that a Miss Mathiesen wished to come back into the Church, and he wanted to know if the brethren and sisters would hear her. It was unanimously voted to let her speak. She then stood up and said that she wished to become a member again and asked forgiveness for what she had done... Elder Forsgren spoke again, and then it was unanimously voted that Miss Mathiesen had not made a true acknowledgment and could not be received into the Church without having the fruits of repentance. The meeting closed with song and prayer by Elder C. Christiansen.

In the afternoon another meeting was held. Elder C. Christiansen offered the opening prayer. Elders Chr. Christiansen, J. Christensen and W. Andersen gave many wonderful and inspirational thoughts, following which the Sacrament was administered by Elder Domgaard and Priest N. L. Christensen. Hymns were sung

and rich blessings were with us. The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder C. Christiansen.

Tuesday, Apr. 19. A child was born to Brother P. Madsen's wife.

Thursday, Apr. 21. 135 of the brethren and sisters left for Keokuk, accompanied by Elders Forsgren and C. Christiansen.

I Sunday, Apr. 24. He held a meeting, which was opened with a song, and prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen, who also spoke shortly and said he wished to hear the brethren speak. Brother M. Johnsen stood up and spoke a few words, then Elder K. Christensen talked. He felt that he was not satisfied, and had only occasionally had a happy day since we arrived at this house. Elder H. J. Christensen talked briefly; he said that he knew that a man who was righteous was not forced to have a wife who was unrighteous, and the same for women. Elder W. Andersen also spoke briefly. The meeting closed with song, and prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen. No meeting was held in the afternoon. Brother Poul Chr. Larsen's wife died this afternoon.

Tuesday, Apr. 26. Brother Poul Chr. Larsen's wife was buried. Elder Forsgren returned to us.

Friday, Apr. 29. Two still-born children were born to Elder C. Christiansen's wife, They were buried the same day.

Saturday, Apr. 30. Brother P. Madsen's child passed away, and was buried. In the afternoon the rest of us left for Keokuk.

Sunday, May 1. We arrived at Keokuk in the evening and remained there over night.

Monday, May 2. We formed our camp, and in the evening Elder John E. Forsgren called the brethren together in a meeting. He said that when we were camped in this fashion that we should have a sergeant. Brother H. C. Hansen was unanimously appointed to be that man who should have charge of the camp. Elder Forsgren closed the meeting with prayer.

Tuesday, May 3. This afternoon the brethren met again. Elder Forsgren spoke on Sergeants. It was proposed and unanimously accepted to appoint him as sergeant of meetings. Elder Chr. Christiansen spoke extensively on the grace of God; how he had been led to this place, and how through the grace of God we had come over the many waters to this place. He was thankful to God for the work which had been accomplished, and was also thankful for the work which had been done by Elder Forsgren. It was proposed that all who were satisfied with that which Elder Forsgren had done, and for Brother Heth's diligence in obtaining wagons, and for all that we had received, to show it by the uplifted hand. Everyone's hand was raised. The meeting closed with prayer by Elder Forsgren.

Thursday, May 5. A meeting was held in the afternoon at which several Swedish visitors were present. Elder Chr. Christiansen opened with prayer and then spoke. He was followed by O. Svendsen and H. J. Christensen. The meeting was closed with prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen.

Sunday, May 8. The morning meeting was opened with prayer by Elder Forsgren, who then spoke to our enlightenment and edification. Elder Forsgren closed the meeting with prayer. The afternoon meeting opened with a song, and prayer by Elder Chr. Christiansen, who then spoke. Elder Forsgren bore a powerful testimony and spoke words of encouragement. The spirit of God was with us and all was well. The closing prayer was offered by Elder Forsgren. After the meeting the brethren and sisters met again. Elder Forsgren said that there was a couple who wished to be married, namely, Peter Adolph Forsgren and Kirsten Knudsen. If anyone had anything against this marriage, they should show it by uplifted hand. No hands were raised, and it was unanimously sanctioned for the ceremony, which Elder Forsgren then performed.

Wednesday, May 11. Elder Forsgren offered the opening prayer, after which he said that he wished to hear Elder Chr. Christiansen speak and say who he thought was best to be our president. Elder Christiansen

stood up and said that he was satisfied with Elder Forsgren the day we sailed from Copenhagen, and had not felt otherwise in all this time. He proposed that all who wished that Elder Forsgren should continue to be our president should show it with uplifted hand. H. J. Christensen seconded the proposition. Elder Forsgren said that he felt satisfied with Elder Chr. Christiansen, and proposed that he be appointed president over 50 unanimously 'accepted. Elder Forsgren proposed that Brother H. J. Christensen be appointed captain over the first ten unanimously accepted. Elder Chr. Christiansen proposed that Father Christiansen be appointed captain over the next ten, Priest Lars Alexander Justesen captain over the next ten, M. Chr. Jensen captain over the next ten. Unanimously accepted. The meeting closed with prayer by Elder Chr. Christiansen.

Sunday, May 15. Elder John E. Forsgren and many of the brethren and sisters attended conference in the English camp. In the afternoon the brethren and sisters met in the Danish camp; prayer was offered. Elder Forsgren spoke many powerful words. He proposed, just as had been done in the English conference, that we sustain the Prophet Brigham Young and his counselors, Patriarch John Smith, the Twelve Apostles, the Seventies, and all Elders', Priests, Teachers and Deacons-unanimously accepted. Thereafter, it was proposed and unanimously accepted that Brother Heth be president of the whole camp, both the English and Danish, also that Brother Willach be his counselor.

Elder Forsgren spoke, and said that if anyone was found drunk in the Danish camp he should be cut off from the Church-unanimously agreed. He wished to know if there were any who did not wish to be under a captain. It was proposed that those who wished to go in a company under a captain should show it with uplifted hand-unanimous.... He said that if any of the brethren and sisters wished to be blessed that they should first bless them and not try to hinder them. He prayed for the blessings of the Lord upon us all. He said that if anyone wanted to put his accounts in order that he was prepared to do so.

Elder Chr. Christiansen stood up and said he was glad to see the things which had been done... He continued that everyone could receive the same blessings who would seek the Lord in humility, which were promised in the scriptures. He read from a letter from Copenhagen that the Church membership there was 1400, and that before Willard Snow returned home it had risen 300 more. The brethren in Norway had been released from jail; several persons had been baptized in Sweden. He spoke of many edifying things and prayed for the Lord's blessings over us.

Elder H. J. Christensen spoke next to our enlightenment and instruction, and was thankful for the pleasant day which we had had. He also wished the blessings of the Lord over us. It was announced by the president that a meeting should be held at 6:30 at which the captains would have the opportunity to express their feelings. Meeting closed with a song and prayer.

A song and prayer opened the evening meeting. Captains M. Chr. Jensen, Father C. Christiansen, H. J. Christensen and Justesen spoke their feelings in a spirit of humility, followed by Elder C. Christiansen. Elder Forsgren expressed his feelings and said he was satisfied with the captains who had been chosen that it was just as God would have brought to such a position. He sealed the blessings of the Lord upon them in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Monday, May 16. Elder Forsgren left to obtain some oxen.

Tuesday, May 17. A child of Brother R. Andersen passed away. In the evening Brother C. Christiansen and the other 4 captains met and decided to hold meeting at 7 o'clock this evening with all companies. The meeting was opened with prayer by Elder Chr. Christiansen and closed by Elder H. J. Christensen.

Wednesday, May 18. Elder John E. Forsgren returned with some oxen.

Thursday, May 19. At noon we left our camp in Keokuk, and in the evening made camp ten English miles out.

Friday, May 20. We traveled four miles and camped. Elder Forsgren and C. Christiansen returned with the rest of the cattle to Keokuk.

Sunday, May 22. The remainder of the brethren and sisters arrived at our camp. It had been a hard trip for them as we had had bad weather the preceding night. It had rained very hard during the night and also the day. A child was born to Sister Andersen. In the morning the brethren and sisters met in Elder Forsgren's tent. A song was sung, and prayer offered. Elder H. J. Christensen spoke briefly, and said that he wished to hear his brethren speak. Elder M. Johnsen then spoke, and several brethren. The meeting was closed with song and prayer.

Monday, May 23. In the evening Elder Forsgren called the brethren together and opened the meeting with prayer. He said that he wished to observe Fast Day tomorrow, with thanksgiving to God. Elder Chr. Christiansen said he wished the same, and also that he and his house might serve the Lord. Elder H. J. Christensen was also satisfied, and wished to hold such an observance. He made the proposition and it was unanimously agreed. The meeting closed with prayer by Elder C. Christiansen.

Tuesday, May 24. At 2 p.m. the Saints met. Elder Forsgren bowed himself with the others and prayed the Lord's blessings on us. He spoke briefly, and said that he and his family were united and would serve the Lord, and he wished to hear the brethren express their feelings. The captains over tens said they were thankful for such a day and wished the Lord's blessings upon us. Many brethren spoke, expressing their feelings to the inspiration and comfort of all. The sisters knelt down and prayed, and the blessings of the Lord were so richly over us, giving us power to repent from all evil. The meeting lasted until 6 o'clock, when it was closed with song, and prayer by Elder Forsgren. He spoke briefly to us before closing the meeting. He was well satisfied with the blessings of the day and prayed the Lord's blessings on us all.

Wednesday, May 25. The president over 50 called his group together this evening. After a song and prayer, Elder Chr. Christiansen spoke encouragingly to us and wished us to remember to pray for our captains. He wished us to meet every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, camp and weather permitting. Elder H. J. Christensen spoke to our edification and consolation. The meeting closed with a song and prayer.

Friday, May 27. We left our camp ground in the morning and continued on our journey. In the forenoon we arrived at Sugar Creek and camped there.

Sunday, May 29. A meeting was held in the morning at which Elders C. Christiansen, H. J. Christensen, Father C. Christiansen, M. Chr. Jensen, R. Johnsen and Aagren expressed their thoughts. The blessings of the Lord were with us to our comfort and cheer. The meeting was opened and closed with song and prayer. At the afternoon meeting, following a song, Elder P. Madsen offered prayer. Elder Chr. Christiansen said that the best way in which to receive blessings is to be obedient. He read a vision, and spoke to the comfort, and edification of those present. Elder H. J. Christensen spoke briefly. Father Christiansen closed the meeting with prayer. Elder Forsgren left for Keokuk. In the morning we had a storm, with rain, hail and wind..

Monday, May 30. Elder Forsgren returned, and in the afternoon meeting he told us that we should travel tomorrow. He said that President Heth had asked him if the brethren and sisters were satisfied with what he had done for them. He had answered that they were well satisfied, and that if they had the provisions at hand they would give him a present. All were agreed therein.

Tuesday, May 31. Three companies began to travel this morning, but as several oxen belonging to the third company were lost, they remained in camp on Sugar Creek. During the afternoon we traveled through Farmington, and camped in the evening. The weather had been very good, with only a little rain. Brother Kofod's wagon, in which were riding his wife and child and Elder Hansen's wife and child, tipped over in a ditch, but no one was hurt and the wagon was not broken. All went well; we passed over some high hills today.

Wednesday, June 1. In the afternoon Captain Justesen's company came up to us. Elder Forsgren, who had gone to Farmington, arrived back in camp, and so we broke camp and traveled over several hills to the other side, where we again camped. Shortly before we stopped for the day it commenced to rain heavily and continued all night, with lightning and thunder so strong that it shook the ground.

Friday, June 3. In the morning we pulled out again; passed through 'Dogs Town, and camped 3 miles from it,

Sunday, June 5. I was in Farmington. No meetings were held. In the afternoon we continued on our way, traveled several miles, when it began to -rain and hail, with thunder and lightning. Brother Peter A. Forsgren, as he was driving up a hill, slipped and fell under his wagon. The wheels passed over him, and his back and arm were slightly hurt. 10 miles from Dog Town.

Monday, June 6. We continued oft our way again and camped in the evening. The weather was good. We passed through String Town. I mile east of Drakesville.

Wednesday, June 8. Continued on our journey in the morning. It began to rain before we stopped for noon, and continued steadily, with lightning and thunder through the afternoon and evening, accompanied with some wind towards evening. We camped three miles west of Drakesville, having passed through that town.

Thursday, June 9. We continued on our journey and camped in the evening at Soap Creek, 10 miles from our last camp, and 3 miles from Unionville, having passed through that town. The weather was good, very warm.

Saturday, June 11. The weather was good. In the evening we camped 9 miles west of Doddirsjoid, having traveled 22 miles today.

Sunday, June 12. A meeting was held in the morning, which was ,opened with a song, and prayer by Elder Forsgren, who then spoke on the creation of the world; that there were gods who had been instructed "by God to create the world. His words were instructive and good. Elder Chr. Christiansen warned and instructed the Saints. We were happy, and the spirit of the Lord was with us. Elder Forsgren again spoke briefly, and the meeting closed with song and prayer by Father Chr. Christiansen. We continued on our journey in the afternoon and camped 7 miles cast of Chariton pond. The weather was good all day. Traveled 7 miles.

Monday, June 13. During the night a child was born to Elder H. J. Christensen's wife. The weather remained good all day, and we traveled 17 miles and camped, 10 miles east of Chariton. We passed through this town in the morning.

Tuesday, June 14. The weather was still good. Camped towards evening 7 miles west of Chariton. We traveled 20 miles.

Wednesday, June 15. Traveled 12 miles and camped on a little stream. The weather was good all day. In the evening a meeting was held, which was opened with song, and prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen. Elder Forsgren spoke to our edification and instruction, followed by M. Johnsen, who desired the prayers of the brethren and sisters, after having made a confession.

Thursday, June 16. We continued on our journey this morning, passed by Four Mile Stream and Seven Mile Stream, and also Mount Pisgah and the stream there. We camped in the evening 1 1/2 miles from Pisgah. Traveled 16 1/2 miles today.

Friday, June 17. In the evening camped 20 miles from Pisgah. Traveled 19 miles today.

Saturday, June 18. Camped in the evening 22 miles from our last camp, on a place called the Middle Branch of the Nodaway. The weather was good.

Sunday, June 19. We stayed in camp all day. Meetings were held in the forenoon and afternoon. Powerful talks were given by Elders Forsgren and Christiansen, and confessions were made by the brethren. It was proposed that Priest Justesen be ordained to the office of Elder, unanimously accepted. He was then ordained under the hands of Elders Forsgren and Christiansen. Sister A. Andersen's child was blessed by Elders Christiansen and Forsgren.

Monday, June 20. In the morning we continued our journey, traveled 15 miles and camped on the West Branch of the Nodaway.

Tuesday, June 21. Traveled 18 miles and camped in the evening by Indian Town. The weather was good. We passed over the Nishebole River.

Wednesday, June 22. During the night we had a very strong wind, with lightning and thunder and rain; it rained a little in the morning. We continued our journey in the afternoon for 10 miles and camped in a place where there was no firewood.

Thursday, June 23. We started off in the morning, but as Brother Justesen's horses were missing, we stopped. He found his horses and returned to camp. Elder Forsgren called the brethren together to find out who had money to cross the next river... When we came to the River Nishebole, and started to cross it, it so happened that Peter Forsgren's oxen went into the water with the wagon, but as it became very deep they started to swim to shore again. As they headed for shore the wagon box became loose from the wheels and was left behind. The brethren sprang into the water with their clothes on and fished the wagon box up. Petrea Petersen was riding in the wagon but was not hurt, and no one was injured. However, as the two lead oxen were being hitched to 'the wagon again they started to run, and stepped on Brothers A. Poulsen and Soren Olesen.

Friday, June 24. We continued on our journey, traveled 10 miles and camped. The weather was good until afternoon, when it began to rain a little.

Saturday, June 25. We traveled 16 miles and arrived at Council Bluffs, where we camped. We have arrived here all well and good, having been lead and protected by the almighty power of the arm of God, both men and animals, wagons and tents, wherefore God shall have the honor, the praise and the thanks forever.

Sunday, June 26. The brethren and sisters held a meeting, which was opened with prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen. Elder Forsgren said he wished to hear the brethren speak. Elder Geo. P. Dykes stood up and said he was thankful to God that he had been brought to this place, that the Danish brethren and sisters had also arrived here, and that everything had been so enjoyable and well for us. He counseled us against talking with any of the people of the town, as there was no place where the Devil had more power than right here, and the people would do all they could to keep the Saints here. He prayed for the Lord's blessings on us all.

Elder H. J. Christensen spoke, followed by Father Christiansen, who said he was thankful to God for His hand which had been over us, and that he did not wish to remain here, no matter how much he was offered, as he could have just as well remained in Denmark, but wished with all his heart to come to Zion. Elder H. F. Petersen acknowledged his weakness and imperfections, and said he was glad to be able to read the Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants. Elder Chr. Christiansen said that he and his house would serve the Lord, and spoke many enjoyable words to our edification. Elder Forsgren spoke briefly and said he was not afraid of the Devil, and that he wished to speak a little this afternoon, but that his lungs were weak. Elder Dykes closed the meeting.

In the afternoon the Saints again met. Prayer was offered, following the opening song. Elder Forsgren talked, and reminded the Saints of their covenant. He portrayed the wretchedness which awaited those who forsook their covenants. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Monday, June 27. New provisions were received, which were divided.

Tuesday, June 28. More provisions were divided. Niels Pedersen and family left us and would not go on farther.

Wednesday, June 29. The dealing out of provisions was finished, and in the evening the captains and several others were called together in a meeting. Elder Forsgren offered prayer and then Elder Justesen said

that he had talked with Jorgen Nielsen, who had said that he wished to remain here in Kanesville. Thereafter R. Johnsen said he had talked with Jorgen Nielsen who had said that there were liars and slanderers among us, and that it was no better among us than any other place in the world. Elder Sorensen also said that Nielsen did not feel good among the Saints and was not satisfied. Elders C. Christiansen and H. J. Christensen corroborated the other statements on the poor conduct of Nielsen and that he was possessed of an evil spirit. J. Nielsen then stood up and said that he did not wish to continue with us any longer, and gave some excuses which were nothing more than what the spirit of darkness gives to people to support themselves with on such occasions. Elder Forsgren declared that according to the testimonies which had been borne against Jorgen Nielsen, that he was found to be in transgression, and had slandered the Church, and that he could not sustain Jorgen Nielsen in such circumstances as a brother in the Church. It was then proposed and seconded that Jorgen Nielsen be excommunicated from the Church, which was voted unanimously. The meeting closed with prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen.

Thursday, June 30. Jorgen Nielsen and family left us.

Friday, July 1. Frederikke Frederiksen left us. In the afternoon we finished our preparations and traveled to the Missouri River, one mile from Kanesville.

Saturday, July 2. This morning J. Nielsen, accompanied by a police officer from the city, came to camp to force us to turn over the oxen to him, for which he had searched the day before, but could not find as H. J. Christensen had driven off. The officer stopped Brother Christensen and forced him to return to the city, where he was compelled to pay eleven dollars.

Sunday, July 3. A meeting was held this morning, which was opened with song and prayer. Elders C. Christiansen, H. J. Christensen and Mikkel Johnsen spoke, to our comfort and cheer. A song and prayer closed the meeting. Another meeting was held in the afternoon, opened with song, and prayer by Elder L. H. Justesen. N. C. Christiansen spoke, to our comfort and encouragement, and bore a strong testimony with the spirit of truth. C. Christiansen spoke next, being filled with the spirit of God. After a song had been sung, Elder Christiansen asked if there were any opposed to the uniting in marriage of Hans Jorgensen and Dorthe Christensen. There were none, and so Elder Christiansen performed the marriage ceremony....

Tuesday, July 5. It rained very hard during the night, accompanied by thunder and lightning. We began to ferry over the Missouri River, and four wagons got across, also several oxen. The brethren had been building a bridge over a slough a short distance from the river. This we crossed in the afternoon, and traveled a short distance farther with the four wagons, and camped.

Wednesday, July 6. We began to build another bridge, which we drove over and camped a short distance farther on. Several more wagons crossed the river. We had good wind and weather. A child was born to Brother Overlade's wife.

Saturday, July 9. All the wagons finished crossing the river, and all the oxen except four which should remain, as there was one brother who had been excommunicated and had broken his covenants, and had brought up a case against Elder Forsgren.

Sunday, July 10. Elder Forsgren arrived in camp this morning and a meeting was called. A song was sung, after which Elder J. E. Forsgren offered prayer and then spoke many things to us. He reminded us that we were free here to serve the Lord with all our might and strength, and be thankful to Him for having been led to this place then He would loose our bonds so we could go forward. Brother Forsgren knew that there were some among us who were not worthy, and they would have to strive for a long time before they could obtain the blessings. And everyone should not try to do what he thought best after reaching the valley, but take the advice of the president. He said we did not talk like those who would fall away. He thanked the brethren for their willingness to work during the crossing of the river. He wished us all to remember our blessings and to wander in humbleness and meekness. He felt happy to think that we were here, and said that we had seen enough of the Holy Ghost to understand that mankind must be made perfect; and that when the day comes that they should be baptized again, that they would see and know their imperfections which they had had in their travels, and know that they had not done all that they could have done. The

unworthy cannot take part in the blessings unless they repent. He spoke of many things which I in my imperfections do not have the power to remember and write. In closing he prayed the Lord to strengthen us so that we might remain faithful until the end. May it so come to pass, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Elder Forsgren then said that he wished to reorganize the company, and desired to lay the proposition before us. Inasmuch as there were nearly 100 men, he had decided to have 1 captain over 100 men, 2 captains over 50, 4 captains over 10 each in 4 wagons, and 1 captain over 10 each in 3 wagons in the first company of 50. And in the second company of 50-3 captains over 10 each in 4 wagons, and 1 captain over 10 each in 3 wagons. Elder Chr. Christiansen felt that this was the right thing to do, and H. J. Christensen seconded the proposition.

Elder Chr. Christiansen stood up and said he was thankful to God for His guiding spirit, and admonished the brethren saying, "Watch over yourselves and be obedient." He was glad that God had appointed His servants upon the earth to do His will, and he wished Elder Forsgren to be with us, be our president, and lead us with all the power which God would give him; and he proposed that we sustain Brother Forsgren as president and give him blessings both temporal and spiritual. Unanimously agreed.

Elder Forsgren proposed that we sustain Elder Chr. Christiansen as captain of 100, H. J. Christensen as captain of the 1st 50, C. Christiansen as captain of the 2nd 50-unanimously agreed. The following were proposed as captains of 10 in the first company of 50: Peter A. Forsgren, captain of the 1st 10, of 4 wagons; Carl Kofod, captain of the 2nd 10, of 4 wagons; L. A. Justesen, captain of the 3rd 10, of 4 wagons; N. C. Christiansen, captain of the 4th 10, of 4 wagons, and H. C. Hansen, captain of the 5th 10, of 3 wagons. Unanimously agreed.

In the 2nd 50 M. Chr. Jensen as captain over the 1st 10, of 4 wagons; H. Pedersen as captain of the 2nd 10, of 4 wagons (and that he be ordained a Priest); P. Madsen as captain of the 3rd 10, of 4 wagons; H. Dinnesen as captain of the 4th 10, of 3 wagons, and also that he should be ordained a Priest. Unanimously agreed.

It was thereafter appointed that Capt. M. Chr. Jensen with his company, and Capt. H. J. Christensen with his wagon should travel this evening to the Elkhorn River as pioneers to build a ferry on which to cross the river.

Elder Forsgren said that everything which would delight the soul would be found in the land of Zion. The ordinations were performed, and the meeting closed with a song, and prayer by Elder C. Christiansen.

Tuesday, July 12. In the morning Elder Forsgren went to Kanesville (Jorgen Nielsen's affair, and had to pay 30 dollars). The rest of Capt. C. Christiansen's company left for the Elkhorn River this morning.

Wednesday, July 13. The rest of us started on our journey this afternoon, traveled 3 miles and camped in the evening. We had some rain and lightning in the night.

Thursday, July 14. Early in the morning we started on our way, and camped in the evening after having traveled 18 miles.

Friday, July 15. Traveled 10 miles this morning and arrived at Elkhorn, then traveled 4 miles farther and came to the Elkhorn River, where we crossed with our oxen and wagons in good condition, through the goodness of the man and the spirit which God poured out. The man here was willing to let us borrow the ferry without cost. From the ferry we traveled about 1 mile and camped. We could see the prairie stretching out before us. In the evening Elder Forsgren baptized Rasmus Justesen and Peter Justesen at the Elkhorn Crossing.

Saturday, July 16. We continued our journey this morning, passed river, and camped in the evening, having traveled 15 miles-we are now 16 miles from the Elkhorn.

Sunday, July 17. Today was a day of rest. A meeting was held in the afternoon, opened with a song and

prayer by Elder Forsgren, who then spoke briefly and said he wanted to hear the brethren and sisters. Elder Christiansen spoke, followed by H. J. Christensen, who talked about his son who was run over on July 11th, and he was thankful to God and was satisfied, and hoped that his son would soon be well again. H. Dinnesen expressed his thoughts, and then Father Christiansen stood up and bore his testimony with the spirit of truth and thankfulness to God for having led us to this place. Several brethren acknowledged their faults, and the sisters raised their prayers and thankfulness to God. Rasmus Justesen was confirmed a member of the Church by Elder C. Christiansen; Peter Justesen was confirmed by Elder G. P. Dykes. Brother Dykes then spoke to our edification, followed by Elder Forsgren, who also spoke words of inspiration and knowledge. The meeting closed with song, and prayer by Elder C. Christiansen.

We made ourselves ready, traveled 6 miles in the evening, and camped. In the evening William Andersen was run over by both wheels of a wagon on his chest, but he was not killed, and after being anointed felt better.

Monday, July 11. It so happened this morning that H. J. Christensen's son fell out of the wagon and one wheel passed over his face, so that his head was somewhat flattened out. His nose was pushed into the head, and he looked terrible. The brethren joined in prayer, anointed him, and took a bone out of his nose.

Monday, July 18. Traveled 18 miles and camped in the evening on Schell Creek. Had firewood and water.

Tuesday, July 19. In the morning Elders Shurtliff and Wheelock's companies came up to us. We continued our journey, traveled 12 miles and camped. We had a lot of water and mud to drive through. It rained a little.

Wednesday, July 20. In the morning we journeyed on our way, and after 11 1/2 miles came to a branch of the Platte River called Loup Fork. This stream we crossed over on the ferry, at no cost. We continued crossing the wagons until 12 o'clock night, when all were safely over. It rained a little in the forenoon.

Thursday, July 21. We continued our journey 14 miles and camped without firewood. It rained during the night. Water was found 3 miles from camp.

Friday, July 22. At 3 o'clock in the morning we started up again and traveled 20 miles, and in the evening we drove one mile off the trail and camped on Loup Fork where there was firewood and water. We passed by very high sand hills. Bolette Therkildsen was baptized this evening by Priest N. C. Christiansen.

Saturday, July 23. We continued on our way. There was water enough on the trail, but no firewood, nor was there firewood at the place where we camped in the evening. The road was sandy.

Sunday, July 24. A quarter of a mile's travel brought us to plenty of water. We continued our journey for 9 miles through very high hills and a sandy road; then one mile of good road to where we camped by a little stream with good grass. This morning Hans Andersen Pill passed away, and at noon M. Christian Jensen's wife bore a son.

Monday, July 25. We continued on this morning, and after 5 miles travel came to Wood River, where there was a good deal of water but no bridge. As a result we had to ford the river, and in so doing some chains and rings broke on account of the heavy pull which was put upon the wagons to draw them through. A meeting was held in the evening, which was opened with a song, and prayer by Elder Forsgren, after which he spoke, and counseled us to be obedient to our captains and not try to give them advice. He gave us many good thoughts. A fine spirit of satisfaction was with us. The meeting was closed with song and prayer.

Tuesday, July 26. We continued on, traveled 16 miles and camped on Wood River where we leave it to go to the Platte River. Had firewood and water.

Wednesday, July 27. In the morning we continued our journey, traveled 7 miles and came to the Platte River; after traveling a total of 8 miles we camped. All along the way there was a good deal of water. We had passed over 2 bridges, in which the streams were high, and then came to a stream where there was no

bridge or ferry, and the water so deep that we could not cross.

Thursday, July 28. In the afternoon we continued our journey again one-half mile downstream to a place where a bridge had been built by Danish and English Saints over the stream.

Friday, July 29. We traveled 16 miles and camped a short distance from a grove of trees, and where there was water. It was very warm in the morning and in the afternoon it began to thunder, and then followed a cloudburst with very heavy rain.

Saturday, July 30. We started out this morning and traveled 4 miles, when we stopped by a stream and had breakfast. There was firewood here and water. In the afternoon we passed over Elm Creek on a bridge, and after having traveled in all 18 miles, camped by Buffalo Creek. The weather was good.

Sunday, July 31. In the morning Gates' company passed by us. The weather was good. In the afternoon we held a meeting, which was opened with a song and prayer by Elder Forsgren. Elder Christiansen spoke many things to our joy and enlightenment. Elder Forsgren then spoke and counseled us not to be dismayed if, when we came home to the Valley, we found ungodliness among some, as such a condition existed there among a few more than any other place in the world. But on the other hand, there were many who were living just like heaven, and to talk with their wives was just as if one were speaking to angels. He said that we should not say when we arrived in Zion that "I will stay here, or I Will go there," but that it would be appointed them by the presiding council; many other things he spoke to us.

Thereafter, Bolette Therkildsen was confirmed by Elder Chr. Christiansen; Brother Overlade's child was blessed by Elder M. C. Jensen; Brother H. J. Christensen's child was blessed by Elder C. Christiansen, and Brother M. Chr. Jensen's child was blessed by Elder H. J. Christensen. The meeting closed with song, and prayer by Elder M. Chr. Jensen.

In the afternoon we broke camp and traveled 8 miles, where we again stopped on Buffalo Creek.

Monday, August 1. We broke camp again this morning, and after traveling 3 miles, crossed over Buffalo Creek on a bridge. In the afternoon it rained and hailed heavily, accompanied by thunder and lightning. We traveled in all 19 miles today and camped, after having crossed a very bad muddy place.

Tuesday, August 2. We broke camp in the morning and after a journey of 10 miles came to water. Showers occasionally passed over us. We traveled another seven miles and camped on the Platte River--17 miles travel today. During the night it thundered so hard that the ground shook.

Wednesday, August 3. The weather was good. In the morning we continued our journey; for four miles the road was sandy and hard traveling over the hills. In the afternoon we traveled 8 miles and camped in the evening on Spring Creek. The weather was warm.

Thursday, August 4. We continued on our way this morning, and after traveling 16 miles, camped 2 miles from where the road joins with the Platte River. We passed a cold spring by Landigopeia across from Pornisvorf. We passed over some sand; the weather was good.

Friday, August 5. In the morning we started on our way again. We passed the road which runs along the river at Six Spring Creek, which has its source in springs in the hills. We traveled in all 16 miles. The road, in several places, was over sandy hills. The weather was good.

Saturday, August 6. We traveled 12 miles over sandy hills, crossed 2 streams, and in the evening camped by a hill. After we had camped, it began to rain, thunder and lightning, and continued most of the night. The name of the one stream we crossed over was Black Mud. It was one-quarter of a mile wide, but with a good sandy bottom on which we could drive. C. Munk's child fell off of the wagon, but was not hurt.

Sunday, August 7. We continued our journey this morning over a very sandy road for 2 miles and camped by a little stream called Bluff Creek. Our camp was a short distance off the road under a hill; we passed the

western Bluff. The weather was good all day. In the evening we held a meeting, which was opened with a song, and prayer by Elder C. Christiansen. H. J. Christensen spoke, followed by Father Christiansen. They were filled with thanksgiving and saw the power of God's spirit resting upon the Saints to their salvation. The latter spoke words of joy and encouragement. Chr. Christiansen spoke next, filled with the spirit of God. Elder Forsgren spoke of many things. He warned the people not to go shooting without permission of their captain, so that the captains might know where their members were at all times. His words were words of encouragement, warning, and punishment. The meeting closed with prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen.

Monday, August 8. In the morning we continued our journey; traveled 3 1/2 miles and came to a spring; 1/2 mile farther we came to another spring stream. We passed thereafter at 1 1/2 miles farther a little stream; 2 miles over some bluffs brought us to another stream, and 1 1/4 miles farther we came to Petite Creek, where we camped on a plain between Goose Creek and Spring Stream-traveled in all 10 3/4 miles today. In the afternoon Priest C. Christiansen was ordained an Elder by J. E. Forsgren and Christian Christiansen. He died shortly afterwards. In the afternoon it began to rain in torrents, with strong lightning, and continued until just before we camped.

Tuesday, August 9. We started on our way this morning, and traveled 16 miles. At the 9th mile we passed Rattlesnake Creek. Camped at a stream 6 feet wide. The weather was good; we drove some of the way by the side of the river, and had a good road in various places.

Wednesday, August 10. Traveled 14 miles. At 10 1/2 miles we came to some very high bluffs, and the way was sandy. Wolf Creek was near the bluffs, and we crossed. We camped in the afternoon at Watch Creek. This morning 60 Indians visited us and were given something to eat. It was cold, and in the afternoon we had thunder and lightning.

Thursday, August 11. We traveled again in the morning for 7 miles and nooned opposite Ash Hollow, then drove 8 miles and camped on the west hills, near Sand Hill Creek. The weather was good; the road in places was sandy. In the evening the Elders were called together in Council. Elder Chr. Christiansen offered prayer. Brother Christiansen said that complaints had been made against Brother and Sister Bjergaard, and wished to hear Brother Justesen, who was captain of the company they were in ... C. Christiansen said that they had ridden on the wagon as much as they possibly could, and that Brother Louis had acted only as a brother towards them. . . . After some discussion the meeting 'was closed with prayer by Elder Forsgren.

Friday, August 12. We started in the morning and drove the whole day, making 19 miles, and camped by Crab Creek.

Saturday, August 13. We traveled 15 miles and camped one mile from the river and 3 miles from where the road joins the river. The way was sandy.

Sunday, August 14. We broke camp in the morning, drove 5 miles and camped a short distance from the river. In the afternoon we held a meeting, which opened with song, and prayer by Elder Forsgren. O. Svendsen, H. J. Christensen, M. Chr. Jensen, W. Andersen, C. Christiansen, J. E. Forsgren spoke words of counsel and advice to us. We were told to first take care of ourselves and not try to take care of others; that we should control our thoughts so that we may be blessed and come well and happy home to Zion and be more clean of heart than we now are, for there are those in Zion who could see such things. We were told that we should pray to God, and not go immediately after praying, and sin, but take advantage of the promises which had been made; live so that God would be our friend, and He would be if we so lived, and in conclusion that we should remain faithful to Jesus Christ. The meeting closed with song, and prayer by Chr. Christiansen.

Monday, August 15. In the morning we continued our journey and traveled in all 17 1/2 miles. Camp was made in the evening a short distance from the river. It was very hot.

Tuesday, August 16. We continued our journey and traveled 19 miles; camped four miles east of Scotts Bluff.

Wednesday, August 17. Traveled 23 miles and camped in the evening. It was very warm during the day. Camp was made 18 miles west from Scotts Bluff. We repaired some wagon wheels in the evening.

Thursday, August 18. Traveled 12 miles and camped by the river. It was very warm, the road was somewhat sandy, and there were many grasshoppers.

Friday, August 19. Traveled 18 miles and camped by the river 6 miles below Laramie crossing. We left the road at noon to stop by the river, and in camping again at night left the road so as to be near the river. The road was heavy, warm and sandy, and the slight wind blew the dust about us, making it quite miserable. Gates' company is before us.

Saturday, August 20. We continued on our journey this morning, and after 6 miles travel came to Laramie, where we crossed the Platte River. We then drove 6 miles more and camped; 1/2 mile from the Platte River. It rained a little in the afternoon. The day was warm. Brother Daley's company passed by us.

Sunday, August 21. The Sabbath was observed as a day of rest. A meeting was held in the afternoon, which was opened with song, and prayer by Elder H. J. Christensen. L. A. Justesen, H. C. Hansen, Hans Pedersen and N. C. Christiansen spoke. Then C. Christiansen said he was glad to hear these brethren bear their testimonies and that they were led by the Holy Ghost; they were humble. He advised us not to be anxious about the temporal things when we arrived in the Valley, for God would give the righteous all they needed. He concluded by asking the Lord's blessings on us all. J. E. Forsgren was the next speaker. He was filled with the spirit and said many enjoyable things. The devil had demanded more of God than He would give him, and Michael, the Archangel, cast him out of Heaven, so now he is upon the earth to prove mankind. He is in those who do not live right, who go with bowed heads and appear to be angry... Brother Forsgren gave the law that if anyone took any of the horses which were about the camps of the Indians that he would be considered a thief and be cast out of the camp. The meeting closed with song, and prayer by Elder Christiansen.

Monday, August 22. We continued our journey, traveled 12 miles and came to Indian Creek, where we nooned, and then drove 5 1/2 miles farther and camped on Cold Spring Creek in the evening, where there was timber. We passed by Gates' company this morning. The road today led over high hills and deep valleys, and was rocky. Mountains were around us also.

Tuesday, August 23. We traveled 12 miles and camped by Little Spring Creek. The weather was good; it begins to be cold during the night.

Wednesday, August 24. Traveled 12 miles again and camped in the evening by the Platte River, 46 miles from Deer Creek. The weather was good.

Thursday, August 25. Traveled 19 miles and camped one mile from the LeBonte River crossing. Sister Thorpp was run over this morning: This evening we drove through red sand.

Friday, August 26. In the morning we continued our journey and drove over many hills; crossed 3 streams and camped one mile off the road, where we looked for grass. However, as no grass was to be found here, on Boyd Stream, Elder Forsgren decided to drive further. We found a good camping place by La Prele River in a valley with mountains on one side. The water was one mile from us.

Saturday, August 27. Traveled 18 miles and arrived in the evening at Deer Creek, where we camped. The weather was good until after noon, when it began to rain a little; during the night a strong wind arose.

Sunday, August 28. The weather was good; this was a rest day, Elder John E. Forsgren opened the meeting in the afternoon with prayer. Elder Peter Forsgren spoke, followed by Carl Kofod, who counseled us and expressed his feelings. He felt that he should take watch over himself and not over any others, and do all the good that he could. Elder Chr. Christiansen said he was happy and satisfied. Elder Forsgren then spoke and counseled us to live the Gospel; that each one should see more to himself and not so much to other

people. Parents should raise their children correctly, because as the parents are, so will the children be. He said that when we did all that we could on the journey we would be happy and not have any ill feelings when we arrived home in the Valley.

Many other things were spoken to our joy and encouragement. He advised us to keep with the wagons. It was thereafter proposed that if anyone had anything against the marriage of Hans Larsen and Ane Marie Madsen that it be made known. As there were none, Elder J. E. Forsgren performed the marriage ceremony. The meeting closed with prayer by Elder C. Christiansen.

Monday, August 29. Hermann de Plade passed away. We remained in camp to repair our wagons.

Wednesday, August 31. This morning we continued our journey again, and after traveling 10 miles camped by a stream in the evening--crooked, muddy creek. Ane Poulsen and Karen Poulsen were baptized this evening by Elder L. A. Justesen.

Thursday, Sept. 1. Traveled 18 miles and then drove down on the old road to the river and camped where there was good grass.

Friday, Sept. 2. In the morning we broke camp, crossed over the Platte River, and then over some very high hills. In several places the road was bad. In the afternoon we came to a poisonous spring, drove a short distance therefrom and camped, having traveled 13 1/2 miles. There was not much grass.

Saturday, September 3. We continued our journey again, and in the morning passed by the poisoned water, crossed over some very high hills, and drove in all 18 miles, when we camped in the evening a short distance from Bad Slough.

Sunday, Sept. 4. We continued our journey, traveled 18 miles and camped in the evening on Sweet Water River. The road was sandy; we had good grass.

Monday, Sept. 5. We traveled 10 miles and camped in the evening on Sweet Water, 2 miles east of a deep ravine. The weather was good. We passed by Devils Gate; in several places on the road there was heavy sand. Good grass was found at our camping place.

Tuesday, Sept. 6. Traveled 16 miles and camped in the evening 11/4 miles from a high gravelly bluff. The road was sandy, with several hills. We passed by Alkali Lake.

Wednesday, Sept. 7. We continued our journey, drove 15 miles and camped in the evening 1/2 mile from the 5th crossing of the Sweet Water. In the morning we passed the gravelly bluff. Ane Christine Larsen and Ane Larsen were baptized by W. Andersen.

Thursday, Sept. 8. Traveled 21 miles and camped where the road joins the river and forded it. Had water and grass.

Friday, Sept. 9. We traveled 16 miles and camped at Strawberry Creek.

Saturday, Sept. 10. Traveled 11 miles and camped on Sweet Water

Sunday, Sept. 11. A day of rest was observed. It rained a little in the forenoon but was good weather in the afternoon. It was very cold during the night. A meeting was held in the afternoon, which was opened with song, and prayer. H. J. Christensen, R. Johnsen, C. T. Sorensen, P. Madsen, C. Christiansen and Elder Forsgren spoke to us, giving us encouragement and advice. Brother A. Poulsen's two children were blessed by Elder C. Christiansen. Brother R. Larsen's two children were blessed by Elder H. J. Christensen.

Monday, Sept. 12. We continued our journey again for 14 miles and camped 1 1/2 miles from the crossing of Pacific Creek.

Tuesday, Sept. 13. Traveled 22 3/4 miles and camped on Little Sandy.

Wednesday, Sept. 14. Early in the morning we drove 8 3/4 miles and came to Big Sandy, and later in the afternoon we drove 17 miles and camped on Big Sandy.

Thursday, Sept. 15. Traveled 10 miles and camped on Green River. There was good grass where we camped.

Friday, Sept. 16. We continued our journey, traveled 4 1/2 miles and Crossed Green River, then traveled 2 1/2 miles farther and camped; good grass, firewood and water.

Saturday, Sept. 17. Traveled 18 miles and camped off the road at Black's Fork.

Sunday, Sept. 18. Traveled 4 miles and camped at Ham's Fork. The road was good; it was quite cold.

Monday, Sept. 19. Traveled 16 miles and camped on Black's Fork, fourth time.

Tuesday, Sept. 20. Traveled 14 1/2 miles and camped at Fort Bridger.

Wednesday, Sept. 21. We traveled 15 1/2 miles and camped west of Muddy Creek on the hill.

Thursday, Sept. 22. We traveled 9 miles and camped on the summit of a ridge, 8 miles east of Bear River.

Friday, Sept. 23. We traveled 12 1/2 miles and camped by a creek., 4 1/2 miles from Bear River.

Saturday, Sept. 24. We traveled 15 miles and camped by four springs in Echo Canyon, 4 miles from Cache Cave. The weather was good and not very cold.

Sunday, Sept. 25. We traveled 9 miles and camped by a stream in Echo Canyon.

Monday, Sept. 26. We traveled 13 miles and camped on East Canyon Creek.

Tuesday, Sept. 27. We traveled 8 miles and camped by the stream which we crossed 11 times. I tipped the wagon over.

Wednesday, Sept. 28. We crossed the stream 11 times; the road was bad. Traveled 10 miles and camped in the canyon 1 1/2 miles from the top of the mountain. It rained a little during the day.

Thursday, Sept. 29. We traveled 6 miles and camped on Last Creek.

Friday, Sept. 30. In the evening we entered the Valley of the Great Salt Lake, the land of Zion.

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Thursday, October 20. As I could not get work in the city, and did not want to go northward with John E. Forsgren, I and my wife with Brother Hansen went southward to Sanpete. We traveled 10 miles and accidentally got on the wrong road, and in crossing a stream got stuck. We could not get out with our oxen, but it happened that a man came along the road and took his oxen and helped us get on the right road again. We obtained lodging for the night at a Norwegian's, Brother Saeby, who gave us food and drink while we were with him and also food for our oxen.

Friday, Oct. 21. Traveled 15 miles and obtained lodging in an empty house by the road.

Saturday, Oct. 22. We traveled 6 miles to Dry Creek (Lehi), where we had dinner with Sister Petersen. Thereafter we traveled 10 miles and camped on Battle Creek (Pleasant Grove).

Sunday, Oct. 23. We traveled 10 miles and camped in Provo.

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