Diary of Elder Walter Alma Sells

*Volume III*

June 1, 1909 – January 18, 1910
Tuesday June 1, 1909. Otley
We arose about 9 A.M. Had a good breakfast. We have fine meals here, much better here than we had at Hudd. We have all our meals at the lodge; as we have no saints and a very few friends. Elder A. Fred. Davis of Murray is my companion. He is a fine fellow. We get along OK. We called on Kitchings at night and showed them some views of Utah. They are pretty good people. It has been a fine day. Whit Tues.

Wednesday June 2, 1909. Otley and Bradford -
My but we do get some good meals. Had an excellent dinner of meat, potatoes pudding and other things. We do have a good lodge and

and a good family to stay with. There name is Mr Thos Goodair & family. May God bless them. After dinner I went on the train to Otley and Elder Davis rode his bicycle. Met all the boys and had a good meeting. Elder Ernest S. Horseley, our new Pres, gave us some good instructions to apply in our labors. Went to Clayton after meeting with Elders Jack, Hyde and Davis. I purchased Elder Hydes bicycle giving him 2 £ 8 s. We all went to the Empire at night. Were some good turns there. After the show Elder F. Davis and I decided to take the train home – as my bicycle needed oiling and also some oil in the lamp. We missed the train and had to get some oil off of a hack.

driver. We managed to get along all right after that. It was a grand night and we got home OK. We left Bradford about 12 P.M and got to Otley about 1 A.M a distance of about 12 miles.

We stayed at the lodge studying the greater part of the day. In the evening, we took a ride thru the country. Talk about your pretty country this can not be beat. Pretty hedges, fields, woods and little rolling hills. It looks as a whole just like one big lawn and flower garden. Hudd is not half so pretty as this country up here and Hudd is OK. We went out about 6 to 8 miles thru several little place as Wharfe Dale and Wheatley to Ilkley. I wish that I could show my parents the beauties of their

native land once more. I never thot in all my dreams that England was so beautiful. I enjoy my bicycle ridding. We have had another grand-day.

Friday June 4, 1909. Otley
We arose early and took a walk. We have such a pretty country to walk thru. We studied nearly all day. After tea we went to Wheatley on our bicycles. Then we went to a place near Ilkley were some soldiers are on their encampment. We listened to the band awhile
and then lighted our lamps and rode back to Otley. We called on Kitchings in the afternoon. Showered a little during the day.

Saturday June 5, 1909  Otley
It was a rainy old day,

but it cleared off enough about 7 P.M. for us to go to Ripon to hold our Sunday meeting. We rode our bicycles. Passed thru Harrogate and stopped for about ½ hr. It is a big Inland Resort. The say the swellest in England. It is a city of about 30,000. No factors or street cars. Taxicabs or automibles take their place. Band concerts every day. You see some of the bloods there. Harrogate is noted for its mineral springs. Large Baths and Winter Gardens, etc. We reached Ripon about 11 p.m. after making one or two stops. Found everything OK. It is about 23 miles from Otley to Ripon. We were warned to look out for trouble, but we did not find any. The weather is a little unsettled.

Sunday June 6, 1909. Ripon.
We arose about 9 A.M. Was Fast Sun. My, but I felt hungry. I had not had anything since tea Sat. and we had made a 23 mile ride on our bicycles. We had dinner about 1 p.m. and called on Sister Bulmer. She has a nice little girl about 11 or 12 yrs old. She is our organist. Took a walk along by the river. My, but the boys in the large towns do not know what they are missing. We get into the towns at least once a month. Give me the country. The river Eure and Skell pass Ripon. It is a Cathedral town of about 10,000. Very bigoted. We had a champion meeting at night. Called at Mr Walter Shaws after meeting. We had a fine time there. They have an excellent home and treat us just fine. One feels that he is among the upper tens.

Monday June 7, 1909  Ripon Harrogate and Otley -
We left Ripon about 10 A.M. after paying the hall and piano rent. Stopped at Harrogate which is about half way to Otley for about 5 hours. Went thru the Valley Gardens and the Winter Gardens. I tell you Harrogate is a swell place. It beats all I have seen. We have to go thru there on our trips to Ripon. I like that OK. Upon reaching Otley, we were both caused to sorrow by the news Elder A. Fred Davis rec'd. from home. His little 4 yr. old son Leroy while playing with some other little children fell into a canal and was drowned. May God bless Elder Davis and his dear wife in this their hour of trouble with His healing balm that they may be comforted. The weather has been grand.
Tuesday June 8, 1909. Otley
We stayed at the lodge all day. Elder Davis wrote a nice letter to his dear wife. In the evening we took a walk up on the Otley Shivon. Could see for miles. Has been a grand day.

Wednesday June 9, 1909. Otley.
We stayed at the lodge studying all the fore-noon. In the after-noon, we went out tracting. Met some very indifferent people. Had one or two good Gospel Con. Put out 240 third tracts. Otley has a great many Catholics & Wesleyians. It is hard to make much head way here. Has been a fine day.

Thursday June 10, 1909. Otley.
We studied and folded tracts in the fore-noon. After dinner we went out tracting. Put out 260 tracts sold one book and gave away 2 bks. Had 3 Gos. Con. At night, that is, in the evening, we took a spin on our bicycles out to Wheaton, Wharfe Dale and Ilkley riding about 15 miles. It showered a little when we were coming back. The scenery is grand. England can not be beat for green trees, etc.

Friday June 11, 1909 Otley.
We stayed around the lodge all day. Had a good Gos. Con with our landlady “Mrs Goodair. In the evening, we took a ride thru the country. Went out over the river up thru a wild country place. Saw and heard a cuckoo. We gathered some ferns, daisies butter-cups, bluebells and other flowers. The flowers (wild ones) are just lovely. Wish I could show them to the boys at home. We came back in a hurry. It was nearly all down hill. Called at Kitchings. Elder Davis and myself are both broke, but we do not worry. Has been a good day, but a little cold.

Saturday June 12, 1909. Otley, Harrogate & Ripon.
Went to Ripon on my bicycle in the after noon. Stopped for about 3 hours in Harrogate. My, but I do like Harrogate. It is a grand place. There are more flower gardens, parks etc than there are in the larger places. Wish I could take some good Yankee Ut girl around Harrogate sight seeing. I then rode to Ripon finding every body OK. Mrs Hodgson and family were OK. Met Mr & Mrs Shaw and had a talk with them. Saw the old horn blower at the Market Place. He blows 3 blasts on the horn every night at 9 P.M. It is an old custom that has been kept up for about 1300 yrs. Had a fine day, but a stiff breeze to ride against all day.
Sunday June 13, 1909. Ripon
Arose early and met Elder Jos Condie who had just arrived from Leeds. We had breakfast and took a walk out to Fountains Abbey.

Walked thru, “Studley Royal,” Park. A park of about 1000 acres. It has all kind of trees and game such as deer, rabbits, ducks, geese, pewitts and sheep and cattle. There is a pretty little church in the park. We took a stroll down on the river in the after noon. Just like Mountain life. Saw some boys in swimming. In the evening, we went to our hall to hold meeting. Had a grand meeting. Fine day, but a triffle cold at night.

Monday June 14, 1909. Ripon Harrogate & Otley
Rode over to Harrogate after bidding Elder Condie good bye and met Elder Davis. We listened to the band in the Valley Gardens for two or 3 hrs and talked

with several people then we made a call and came home. Reached Otley OK. Had some fish & chips for supper. Has been a grand day.

Tuesday June 15, 1909. Otley.
We studied during the fore-noon. After dinner, we went out tracting. Put out 218 3rd tracts. Sold 3 books and gave away 4. Had 6 Gos Con. Met some fine people. Recd. an invitation to attend a bible class Thurs. night. I had two ladies deeply interested in my work here. Went over to Kitchings at night. Spent an enjoyable evening. Has been a good day.

Wednesday June 16, 1909. Otley.
Went out tracting after dinner. Put out 250 tracts, sold 3 bks, gave away 3 bks and had 4 Gos. Con. After tea, we rode over to Leeds about 12 miles on our bicycles to attend the Empire. We went to the 9 P.M performance. (Cost 6D). We stored our bicycles at the Great Northern Station. Got out of the show which was very good about 11 P.M and rode home. It was a little foggy, but we managed OK. Has been a good day. [“Saw Zena Dare and Josiah Hicks They were grand.” written along the side margin]

Thursday June 17, 1909 Otley
We went out tracting in the after-noon. Put out 250 3rd tracts, gave away 3 bks and sold 3. Had 4 Gos. Con. We were invited to attend a Bible Class at Mr Hudson’s 83 Bradford Rd. We met with them. We sang then they all knelled down and took in turns praying. While they were praying they would say amen, let it be so,
that is so, yes, yes and other things. They were discussing the 4 chpt of Ephes. We had a good chance of explaining our doctrines. They would not accept the bible on every point. We had a good time with them. There were 3 local preachers and two or three men and women besides. We are to go again next Wed.

Friday. June 18, 1909. York
Got up about 6 A.M. Had an early breakfast and jumped on our bicycles about \(7^{20}\) A.M and rode to York about 30 miles. We got there about 9.30 A.M. Walked around the old Roman Wall about 3 miles long. Completely surrounds the old section of York. (A wall about 20 ft high and 10 ft wide. I thot of the old Roman sentinals and of Dick Turpin’s ride to York.

We saw several large river steamers and walked out to the Barracks and saw the soldiers drill. Walked thru town and went thru the, ‘North Eastern Station’ one of the best in Eng. We went into the Flower York Gala in the after noon. (Cost 1\pence The flowers were grand, Flowers of all colors, shades and kinds. Geraneiums that would measure 4 ft across the top of the plant all in bloom. Peaches growing on the trees, oranges, plums, lemons and cherries also were growing on little trees from their hot houses. (Could not be beat.) Wish I could have had a dear little Yankee girl to show her around. There were open air shows as good as the Empire at Leeds. Baloon ascensions and fire works. Merry go rounds and

swings. We saw two baloon ascensions. Three or four men and a woman went up in a basket. The fire works could not be beat. Fire works would represent a house with 2 cats etc fighting on the top. There were some to represent castles and pretty stars, windmills etc. At last a large sign said good night on it by fire works. We got out about 10\(12^{\frac{1}{2}}\) P.M and had 30 miles to ride. We got a couple of oranges each and hit out. Got of the road a doz times and would look at the mile posts etc and get right. There are so many turns. You will suddenly come to 4 road ends, but they usually have a finger pointed sign. It is easy to get off the road. We reached Otley about 2 A.M. very tired having ridden 60 miles. [“Went thru the York Cathedral. It was built 1220.” written along the side margin]

Got a little to eat before going to bed. Never had a better trip in my life. Fine day, not too hot.
Saturday June 19, 1909. Otley
Got up very tired about 9 A.M. not having gotten over the ride to York. We studied all day till tea time. Mr Kitching asked us over for tea. Had a good tea. Lobster etc. ice cream. May Heaven bless him. Has been a good day.

Sunday June 20, 1909 Otley, Yeadon and Leeds
Walked over to Yeadon about an hour’s walk over the Shivvon. Yeadon is a nice little place about 4,000 people I should judge. Took the tram street car to Leeds. We passed Kirkstall Abbey one that is in ruins. Was blown down by

Oliver Cromwell. It cost me 4D for the ride, but it was grand. Got to Sunday OK. Had a good class (Articles of Faith 5-6 art.) Went to Sister Holmes #20 Prosperity St. for tea. Had a good tea. We had a good meeting at night Bro Mitchell from Pudsey spoke first then I spoke for about 35 minutes on the Apostacy & Restoration of the Gospel. Elder Daybell spoke for a few minutes. I went to Sister Hollidays with Elder Daybell for Supper. We had a champion supper. Talked for an hr or so and then Elder Daybell and I went to his lodge and retired. Fine weather all day.

Longest day in the year, but it is not like summer. We arose about 9 A.M. Had a breakfast of an egg, cup of cocoa and some grape nuts. Went down town and looked around for a few hrs. It rained some thing fierce about 1 P.M. I took the car for Yeadon about 2 P.M. Arrived at Otley about 330 P.M. Had tea about 530, Helped Mrs Goodair, my landlady plant some ferns. My, but it did rain about 7 P.M. It is now 10 P.M and Elder Davis has not arrvd. from Ripon, but I expect him every minute.

Tuesday June 22, 1909 Otley
Was very stormy, so we stayed at the lodge all day. Went over to Kitchings in the evening. Spent 2 or 3 hrs there. It does not look much like summer, or feel like it either.

Wednesday June 23, 1909 Otley
Being a rainy day, we stayed at the lodge studying. At night, we attended a bible class. We did manage to tract between showers for a little of the after noon. At the bible class, we took up the 4 chpt – of Eph – that is, they did. They all prayed at the beginning in turns. One would say while the other was praying let it be so, Oh yes, etc. We had some good talks with them and were invited back for the next Wed.
We tracted in the fore-noon. Went to Leeds in the after noon. We walked over to
Yeadon about 5 or 6 miles

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and took the car. We passed Kirskstall Abbey. Stopped at the Hindu “Indian Empire” at
the Cardigan Fields. We saw them at work as they work at home. Saw a Hindu school.
There was a snake charmer that beat anything I have ever seen. It rained so much on and
off that it somewhat spoilt things. There was a performance trained elephants, jugglers
and acrubats. All for 6D. We attended the Hippodrome at Leeds. Was OK. Missed our
car and had to walk from Horsforth 8 or 9 miles home thru a heavy rain most of the way.
Got home OK tho, feeling paid for our experiences. It has been raining nearly every day
for a week or so. Hope it clears off some.

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Friday June 25, 1909. Otley
On acct of the rain, we stayed at the lodge all day. Went to Menston, that is, walked over
about 4 miles with Mr & Mrs Goodair to the Menston Asylum. There were about 1700
patients A grand asylum. They have a dance every Friday night. They dance OK for
crazy people.

Went to Ripon after dinner on our bicycles to hold meeting Sun. Stopped at Harrogate
for an hour or so. Reached Ripon OK. Found every body feeling OK. Looked like rain.

Sunday June 27, 1909. Ripon
Went down to the river and looked around awhile in the after noon. Had a good meeting
at night.

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They are some of the best saints that I have every met. Few, but good. Went to Shaw’s
after meeting. Spent a few happy hours. Had supper there. Has been showering all day.

Monday June 28, 1909. Ripon Thirsk and Barrowby.
Rode our bicycles about 19 miles out to Barrowby to call on Bro Thompson and family.
Stopped at Thirsk and went thru their open-air market. The scenery was grand all the
way to Barrowby. It rained hard after we left Thirsk, but we put on our rain capes. When
we reached Barrowby, we had dinner. Elder Davis and myself ate two eggs, two small
cabbages, some new potatoes, a big gooseberry pie bread & butter and other things.
Rained on and off all day.
Tuesday June 29, 1909 Barrowby Thirsk and Ripon.
Had breakfast at Bro Thompson’s and looked around his beautiful gardens. (He wants us to come again in about 2 wks. (when the strawberries are ripe. We bade him good-bye and rode to Ripon. We called on Sister Rumble at night. Had a good talk with her husband who is not a L.D.S. Weather is very unsettled.

Wed. June 30, 1909. Ripon & Otley
Came home to attend a bible class with the Methodists. We taught them the Gospel straight and they do not want us to come any more. They do not teach the bible as we do, but teach it to suit their purpose. They all claimed to be saved. The weather is still cold, but not rainy. Just like October.

Thursday July 1, 1909. Otley & Bradford.
Went over to Bradford on our bicycles to attend our monthly priesthood meeting. Met all the boys. Had a good time together. Pres Horsley gave us some good instructions. Elder A.K. Chatfield rec'd. his release to return on July 16. Elder Davis' lamp went out on the way home and we had to partly ride and walk to avoid the 'Cops.' We had a fine day of it. Met several new elders. Fine bunch of fellows.

Frid. July 2, 1909. Otley
Walked thru the market two or three times during the day listening to the auctioneers. We did not go out tracting on acct of bad colds and its being market day. Called on Kitchings in the evening. Fine day.

Saturday July 3, 1909. Otley Harrogate and Ripon
After dinner I rode my bicycle to Ripon. Wind was blowing in my favor. I stopped at Harrogate for an hour or so. Went thru the Valley Gardens. Heard the band play. Too poor to spend any money. The flower bed look grand. Wished I had a good little Mormon Utah girl with me to share the pleasure. Reached Ripon OK. Found the folks well. Called on Mr & Mrs Shaw. They were well. Has been a good day, but a little showery.

Sunday July 4, 1909. Ripon
Good ‘Old “Independence Day.”’ My Yankee blood wants to yell for the day that our Fore-fathers fought so dearly for. Was also Fast Day. I felt very hungry, but I hung it out till about 2 P.M. I had rode my bike 23 miles and was very hungry. We had a good night meeting. Elder Harold J. Hyde was with me. In the morning I attended a ‘Church of England service and Wesleyian in the after noon. I am glad I am a Mormon. The
Wesleyians had a fine singer there Madame Stenthian. She was OK. Has been a good day.

Monday July 5, 1909, Ripon Harrogate and Otley -
Went thru the Valley Gardens on my way back from Ripon. Heard the Harrogate Purrots, that is, singers. I like to stop a few minutes for a rest. A fellow gets a little tired riding 11 miles dressed as a preacher. It is all free to see the sights and scenery. Reached Otley OK about 3 P.M. Had a piece of Gooseberry pie for dinner. Met Elder Davis, we had a good tea and took a walk out over the river Wharfe Dale. Called on Kitchings for a little while at night. Has been showery all day. Very cold weather for July.

Tuesday July 6, 1909, Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Burley. Wharfe Dale Valley. Put out 250 tracts sold 10 books and gave away 2. had 12 Gos. Con. Burley is about 6 miles from Otley. It is a very pretty place. We see some pretty country. We walked up on the hill to look around the country.

It stormed again in the night.

We went over to the Parish Church at 2 P.M. to see a Military Wedding. It was a swell affair. They had about 20 carriages and automobiles. for the guests. Their dresses were simply grand. The young lady was a wealthy lady. We went tracting after in Burley. Had a good time met some nice people. My, but it did rain while we were tracting. We get under trees or in passage ways etc till it stops. Called on Kitchings at night.

Thurs. July 8, 1909 Otley, Burley & Menston.

We finished tracting Burley and started on Menston. Had a good day for tracting, but found the people very indifferent. They do not want the Gospel. May the Lord bless them and open their understanding. Went for a walk in the evening. Burley and Menston are little places of about 5000 people each.

Friday July 9, 1909, Otley
Went out tracting in Burley and Benridden. We then rode over to Ilkley. We bought some crackers, cheese etc and rode to Bolton Abbey and, Woods. We stored our bicycles and went thru the old ruins of the Abbey. Walked up thru the valley and were taken up with the
scenery. It looked so much like Utah scenery, but there were ferns etc not found at home. We walked over the river on some stones fixed in the river called, “The Stepping Stone.” We walked up to the ‘Strid’ a narrow gorge where the river has cut it’s place thru the solid rock. It has bored holes in the rocks. Elder Davis and I jumped the Strid which they say is death if we should fall in. It rained late in the day and we stopped to let it quit, but it did not quit; so we rode home. We got a little muddy and a little wet.

Saturday July 10, 1909. Otley Harrogate & Ripon –
It had been showering all the fore-noon, but it cleared off about noon. We therefore started Ripon

just after dinner. We had no sooner started good, that is, rode about 3 miles than it began to rain good and hard. It did not let up till about 7 P.M. We had to ride thru to Harrogate. We managed to keep our backs dry with our bicycle capes, but our feet and legs got wet. We stayed all night at Harrogate on acct. of the storm. [“We never mind the weather.” written along the side margin]

We had to stay at Harrogate till about 3 P.M on acct of the storm then we rode thru to Ripon. Found every body OK. Had tea and went to meeting. Had a good meeting. Called on Shaw’s after the meeting. Weather seems to be changing. It is very cold for July.

Monday July 12, 1909. Ripon Bishop Monkton, Harrogate and Otley.
We bade the folks good day and started for Otley. Called on Sister Vasey at Bishop Monkton on the way. We then went to Harrogate. Went thru to Valley Gardens. Heard the band concert for a penny, that is, 2 cents. We went to a show at night. Had to ride home after the show 11 miles. My lamp kept going out, but we got thru OK. Looks like more rain. I am now a year old in the field, but it does not seem half that time.

Tuesday July 13, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting in Menston. Had a good day of it. Met some nice people. Called on Kitchens at night. Hope it

keeps fine, so we can get out our tracts.
Wednesday July 14, 1909  Otley
We saw another wedding this week, that is, saw the procession etc. Talk about style they had. Went out tracting in Ilkley. Had a fine day of it. Got two First Invitations. Was a good day for tracting. [“Cold as April weather” written along the side margin]

Thurs July 15 - 1909 Otley
After dinner we went out tracting in Ilkley. Had a good day tracting. Had a Catholic call me a liar, but that did not hurt me. We walked over the stepping stones on the river Wharfe Dale. St. Swivians Day and it rained a little. They say it will rain for forty days now.

Friday July 16, 1909, Otley
Went out to Ilkley and tracted after dinner. We stored our bikes after having a good day tracting and stayed at Ilkley till about 10 P.M. It was a Holiday, I guess City Council men’s day. Four bands, sham battles, fire-works and processions. Town Hall was lighted with Fairy lamps.

Sat. July 17, 1909 - Otley, Harrogate and Ripon -
Went to Ripon about 11 A.M. Stopped at Harrogate for a few hours and took in the sights called on Mrs Baradough. We then rode to Ripon. Found all OK. We had tea and went down to a field where they were holding a circus. We listened to the band, but did not go in, because it was a punk thing by the looks of things.

Sunday July 18, 1909. Ripon
We slept in a folding bed. that is Sat night. It was so hard that I would defy the devil to sleep on it. We usually have a good bed, but they were full up with guests etc. (boarders.). It was also very hot. We arose early from our restless bed. We went to, “Memorial Services” for the Marchuess of Ripon at Studley Royal. They were OK, but the Dean read all the sermon. The church is very pretty. We had a good meeting at our hall at night. Was a grand day.

Went out to Bro Thompson at Barrowby to spend a day. We had our full of strawberries, goose-berries and pie etc. My, but they do treat us OK. We certainly do enjoy the time spent there. Bro

Thompson & family are getting along OK. My, but I would like to have some little girls like they have. I pray that Heaven may bless me with a good Mormon girl and some little children in time. We spent the day and evening talking on the Gospel and looking round their farm etc. Took a walk after supper thru the most beautiful lanes that you ever saw.
Honey suckles, wild roses, wild ivy and black berry and hazel nuts and hawes etc form the hedges. They are beyond description. Had a good nights rest.

Tuesday July 20, 1909. Barrowby Ripon.
Arose about 8:30 A.M. Had a good breakfast and soon after bade the family goodbye and started for Ripon. Just after

passing thru Thirsk, we came to a field of poppies about 4 or 5 acres just as thick as they could be. The sight was worth $2000. It is simply grand. Reached Ripon OK. Had dinner and bade them good day and rode to Otley. We stopped a few minutes at Harrogate. We have ridden 40 miles to-day. We are not a bit tired either. Could ride 60. We have had some fine weather the last few days.

Wednesday July 21, 1909  Otley
Arose early after having a good night’s sleep. It rained very hard during the night. We had our usual breakfast of hot milk and buttered toast. We studied during the fore-noon. Went out tracting after dinner in Ilkley and Weston. Met some

very nice people. We have some good times tracting, but other times not so good. Had a good ride home. We went over to the circus and listened to the band, but did not go inside. Has been a good day, but has threatened to rain all day.

Thursday July 22, 1909  Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Burley. Had a fine time tracting. Met some nice people. One feels good to meet some of these dear old English people. One fellow called me a bigamous. That is pretty hard for me. He said other things too hard to write. May Heaven forgive him for what he said. It showered while we were tracting.

Friday July 23, 1909. Otley
Was very stormy; so we had a pressing day. We pressed our trousers and cleaned them so as to be ready for the Baptismal services tomorrow at Bradford. We went thru the market in the after-noon. Were amused with the auctioneers and hawks. You bet, there are some good ones in England. It rained on and off all day.

Went to Bradford to attend a Baptismal Service. Seven were baptized. We had two excellent meetings. Many bore strong testimonies after the confirming of the new member. Stayed at Bradford all night at lodge, as I was to fill appt. there Sunday. [“Good old Pioneer Day, but it does seem like it.” written along the side margin]
Sunday July 25, 1909  Bradford
We arose early and had no breakfast; as one of the Keighley saints had requested that the elders should fast and pray for her during her sickness. Went to Sunday school at 10 A.M. Just like home. They had their various classes as we do at home. My but it was a cold old day for July. It rained now and then all day. Had two meetings one in the afternoon & another evening. I spoke at both. It scares a fellow, but he does not care he has the Lord on his side. Stayed at the lodge Sun. at Bradford, that is, Sunday night. Had dinner and tea at Bro Emmitts.

Monday July 26, 1909,  Bradford Leeds & Otley
Went over to Leeds on the tram and looked around there all day. Went out to Roundhay Park. Very pretty park cost 2D to go out and 2D back. that is, all together 8¢. Went to the Hippodrome at night saw a good performance. Came home on the 10 P.M train. The engine got off the track and we were delayed 1hr:45min. Got to the lodge about 12 P.M. Found Elder Mowry and Davis awake and they let me in. We had to sleep three in a bed. Elder Mowry had been to Ripon with Elder Davis on my bike. It showered a little in the fore-noon and was very cold.

Tuesday July 27, 1909  Otley
Was too rainy to tract; so we stayed in the lodge studying and writing letters. Wrote several letters. Elder Mowry went back to Bradford. He is a good fellow.

Wednesday July 28, 1909  Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Burley. Had an excellent day of it. Met several fine people, but got turned down two or three times. Came back to Otley about 6 P.M. Had some fresh tomatoes for tea. Has been an excellent day. Took a walk in the evening. [“Rained during the night.” written along the side margin]

Thursday July 29, 1909  Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Burley. Had a good time tracting altho the rain caused us to quit. I met some fine people today. Had some very good Gos. Con. It more than rained late this after-noon and evening.

Friday July 30, 1909  Otley
Went over to Leeds Friday night; so as to be ready to go to London early Sat. morning. Went to the theatre Royal with Elders Condie, Bowman and Davis. “A Country Girl in London.” Very good. Arose early Sat. morning.
When I left Leeds at 8 10 A.M. it was just pouring down, but it was fine when I got to the
King’s Cross Station at London. Uncle Alfred did not meet me at 12 56 so I walked up to
the Uston Station and went to Hemel Hempstead. I liked London as soon as I reached
there. It is a marvelous city. Reached Hemel Hempstead OK. Found all well. Met
Uncle Alfred. Stayed at his sisters till Monday.

Sunday Aug 1, 1909, Hemel Hempstead.
Went to St Mary’s Church in the fore-noon. The church was built of flint rock. Was a
grand little church where my father use to attend. Stayed at Annie Stanbridges Sat, and
Sunday. Had nice place and good meals. I think Hemel Hempstead can not be beat.
Called on Uncle William Sells. Found him OK. He seemed glad to see me. Rained all
day Sunday on and off. Walked around the principal streets of town.

Went to London early Monday morning. Went thru the Zoological Gardens. We saw
nearly all kinds of birds, animals snakes, and even insects. It is a wonderful place. Came
back

and went thru the Tower of London. Saw the old ax and block etc where so many have
been beheaded. Saw the room where the two princes were murdered. Saw the Crown
Jewels and Coronation Robes. Came back from there and went thru the Art Gallery. The
pictures are master pieces. One could spend days there. Walked thru and around
Trafalgar Squae. Rained a little while at the tower.

Went thru Madam Troussards Wax Works. One can see all the Kings, Queens and
notable characters in wax. They are so real that you sometimes mistake them for real
persons and ask them questions. Went thru the Chamber of Horrors. Saw

all the leading murders of the World. Saw the Gulletin being used. Everything so real
that you shuddered. It is one of the best days a person can spend in London. We went
thru Hyde Park and saw the Albert Memorial and then went to the South Kensington
Museum. Saw machinery and appliances etc that date back hundreds of years. Saw the
first Locomotive the ‘Rocket.’ Monday night, by the way, we went to the Earls Court,
that is, Worlds Fair. Spent about 5 hours there. Was grand. We stayed at nights down
near Madam Troussards not far off Baker St.

Left London at 10 a.m on the North Eastern for Paris. Went from the Charing Cross Station to Folkestone. Took a boat from Folkestone to Bologne France. The boat was called the Invicta. It was about 312 ft long by 37 ft wide ‘Double Decker.’ Fine little boat. There were about 500 to 1000 passengers I suppose. Had an excellent voyage. It took us about 1 ½ hrs to cross the Channel. We passed several boats. We stopped for about ½ hr at Bologne. How strange it all seemed. The people all talking a strange language to us. The police looked queer. Everything seemed strange. We took an Express for Paris. (about 160 miles from Bologne. Went thru

fields of hay and grain. Saw women working binding the grain as the men cut it with a cradle or sickle. They did have some few harvesters like the McCormick. Passed a great many orchards of various kinds of fruit. Grapes apples, peaches and plums. etc. Saw piles of peat that the farmers had cut out of the swampy ground to dry for their winter fuel. Met two or three young French-men who told where to go etc. Reached Paris about 6 P.M. Got a cab to take us to our Hotel. It was called the “Universal” and was OK. It was centrally located. We paid for our rooms and changed our money, then we went out to get some supper. Had a duece of a time making the fellow under-

stand that we wanted some supper, but some fellow came to our rescue that could speak English. We looked around town after supper till about 12 o'clock then we went to bed. Paris is certainly a wicked city. Everyone drinks wine it seems. The boulevards have little tables down the edge around which sit men and women drinking. Weather was grand.

Thurs. Aug 5, 1909 Paris
Arose early and had breakfast at the hotel. Took a stroll around town in the forenoon. Visited all the main Boulevards and went down to the Statue of Napolean also went into the Grand Opera. In the afternoon we went over to Cookes and

paid 3 Francs for an automobile ride around Paris. We were gone for about 3 hrs I suppose. We saw the main parts and parks, etc also the forts and old battle fields and arches. Enjoyed the trip immensely, Had a champion dinner and supper. We got next how to order. I like Paris OK, but it is too fast for me. Went to bed about 12 after taking a train ride and getting lost. We crossed the Seine and got into some big park where there were hundreds of people, but we found it hard to get back to the hotel. Weather was OK.
Friday Aug 6, 1909, Paris and London & Hemel Hempstead.  
Left Paris about 8:15 AM. Had a good ride to Bologne.

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At Bologne I was stopped and questioned as a foreigner. I passed the Custom House OK. ‘tho. Crossed the Channel on a new boat about like the one we came on called the Victoria. Reached London about 4 P.M. Had supper and went to the Easton Station and booked to Hemel Hempstead. Found the folkes there all right. Alfred and I called on Uncle Wm. He is a queer fellow, but is spry for a man 77. Stayed with Alfred at his mothers Friday night. Still fine weather.

Arose early and took a walk with Uncle Alfred up to Chappel Street. Saw the house, barn and orchard where my father was born. Very nice little place. I bade good bye to the folkes and came to London on the 10:40 AM train. Looked around town till 3:30 P.M then I left for Leeds. Arrived at Leeds about 7 P.M. Had supper and went up to the elders lodge and stayed for the night. Another good day.

Sunday Aug 8, 1909 Leeds.  
Went to Sunday school and meeting at night. Went to sister Holmes for tea. Had a good tea. Stayed all night with the elders. Was very warm all day. Just like a hot summer’s day at home.

Monday Aug 9, 1909 Leeds & Otley  
Stayed over till Monday night to see Harry Lauder the great Scotch Comedian at the Empire.  

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He was great, you bet. Came home on the 9:40 P.M train. Found all well at Otley. Still the weather keeps fine.

Tuesday Aug 10, 1909. Otley  
Just studied and went up on the Shivvon for a walk. Called on Kitchings at night. Wrote several letters and cards and fixed up my record and diary. Good weather.

Wednesday Aug 11, 1909 Otley  
Took a bath in the fore-noon and studied the greater part of the day. Was a fine day. Took a walk over the river and up on the Shivvon. Elder Davis got back from Ripon OK. My, but it seemed good to see him. Had a letter or so from home. All were well. [“Excellent Weather” written along the side margin]
Thursday Aug 12, 1909 Otley
Went out tracting in Menston after dinner. Had a nice day tracting. Met some fine people. Had several good talks. Menston is a nice place about 5 miles away. Got back to Otley about 8:20 P.M. feeling fine. I tell you a fellow feels OK. when he works.
[“Excellent Weather.” written along the side margin]

Friday Aug 13, 1909, Otley
Thirteen months since I signed up at 295 Edge Lane. It does not seem half that time tho. Studied the greater part of the day. Went thru the market and took a walk up on the Shivvon. We had run out of tracts and are waiting for them. Has been a good day. I wrote a long letter home to-day. Hope the weather keeps fine.

Saturday Aug 14, 1909. Otley
Studied all the fore-noon. After dinner, we went over to the river to a swimming carnival. Saw some good swimming races etc. Went to the Farnley Hall and Park to see the flower show and sports. It was Farnley Feast. A large park or estate just near Otley. The old hall was built in 1620. Has been a good day.

Went to Ripon about 10:45 A.M. to be there for meeting at night. Was very warm riding over, but I landed OK. Found all well. Went over to the Spa Gardens after dinner and heard the band. Meet Elder Griff Williams and we walked around together. Had a good meeting at

night, but had to do without the piano as Nora Bumble our pianist had gone to Hudd for a week or so. After meeting Elder Williams strolled around town and came back to the Market Place to hear the Horn Blower. Good warm day.

Went down to the river at 8:45 A.M to see a crowd start up the river on a otter hunt. They had about 20 otter hounds. It rained on an off all day. I stayed in Ripon till after dinner, then I rode to Harrogate. Stopped there an hour or so. Got under a big tree with my bike and let it rain. Got home OK tho not wet either. Found all well at Otley.

Tuesday Aug 17, 1909 Otley
Went out tracting in Ilkley after dinner. Had a champion day of it, tho I saw some dirty homes and got turned down once or twice. Got an invitation to call any time. Talked for an hour, I suppose with a lady on the Gospel. Had one fellow give me a rose. Had a dog
nearly take hold of my meat house. I do not care for the dogs, but they once in awhile seem to care for me tho I get along OK with them. Has been a good day.

Wednesday Aug 18, 1909  Otley
Rained all fore-noon very hard; so we stayed at the lodge studying. Went out tracting in Ilkley after dinner. Meet some more good people. Got invited in once. My, but some people are mean they will no even take your tracts.

Thursday Aug 19, 1909  Otley
Stayed at the lodge studying in the fore-noon. After dinner, went to Ilkley and tracted, Put out 300 tracts and sold 5 books. Had 8 Gos. Con. Had a good day tracting. Fine weather. Came back to the lodge and spent the evening folding tracts and studying,

Friday Aug 20, 1909  Otley
Rained all day; so we stayed at the lodge studying and writing letters. Took a walk in the evening over to the open air market as it had cleared off. Listened to the auctioneers etc.

Saturday Aug 21, 1909  Otley
As our land lady was going to be off for the day at Morcambe; we went to Leeds after dinner.

Looked around awhile and went thru the Leeds Market. You can buy anything from a pin up to a sewing machine in the market. Auctioneers are crying on every side. Went to the Grand Theatre at night. The “Christian” by Hall Caine was being played. It was OK. Got home about 12:30. Very tired.

After breakfast, I rode my bicycle to Keighley, some 15 or 16 miles. Got there about dinner time. Had dinner and chatted awhile and went to Sunday School. Met Elder Bowman and Elder Cooke. We had a good S. School. Elder M. D. Watterson and I went to Sister Shuttleworth’s for tea. Had a good tea.

Walked over to Ingrow and took the train to Howarth where we hold Sunday night meetings. They have a fine little hall about like the Prespertarian at home. We had about 25 out to hear us only 3, I think were saints. I spoke first for 30 or 40 minutes then Elder Watterson finished up with a few general remarks. We had a good talk or two after services and took the train back to Keighley. Went thru the City Hall Square. A fellow was talking about the Mormons. He had all of Mrs Steinhouse’s works down also Jorman’s and Artimens Ward’s etc. He called liars and everything, but what is good. I got disgusted in about 5 minutes and walked away.
The papers are giving both sides to the question and the Anti Mormon will soon do himself out. Stayed all night at Keighley. Slept three in a bed. Elder Bradshaw slept with his head at the foot of the bed to make more room. It showered a little in the forenoon.

Monday, Aug 23, 1909 Keighley and Otley.
Rained all Sun. night and so I stayed till after dinner waiting for it to quit, but it did not so I rode home in the rain. My, but I had a wet trip. My rain cape tho kept me dry except my feet and hat. Got home OK. Elder Davis had not reached there when I arrived. I do hope the rain clears off as it is hard for us in the country.

Tuesday Aug 24, 1909 Otley
Elder Davis came home just as I was eating dinner. We had a good dinner. Finny Haddy, potatoes, turnips and our land lady brought us in some chicken and carrots. Went out tracting after dinner in Ilkley. Put out 310 tracts, sold 5 books and had 8 Gos. Con. Had 2 women turn me down proper. It rained a little this forenoon.

Wednesday Aug 25 1909 Otley [“Blackpool” written along the side margin]
Arose early, that is, about 5 A.M. in order to catch the 6:30 excursion train to Blackpool. We arrived at Blackpool about 10:30 A.M. Liked the country I passed thru. Lancashire is much lovelier than Yorkshire. Passed thru

Blackburn and Preston and other places. Went thru the Blackpool tower soon after reaching there. It could not be beat for its tower gardens, flowers, fish and animals. It was fixed up like a cave or grotto. We had a ride on the elevator to the top of the, Effel Tower, some 400 above sea level. You could see the Atlantic below you with two little steamers and many sail boats on it, splashing the banks. The waves roll up on the sands. The ocean was grand. Its surface just touched by a few white caps. Sea-gulls were flying around near the shore. We walked all along the beautiful promenade from the one end to the other. Rather we took the car and got out here and there as you might say. [“Went to Blackpool Aug 26. 1909” written along the side margin]

Went to the, ‘Tower Circus’ at 2:30 P.M. Was grand, A kind of Vanity show with a water carnaval after. They let the water into the center and then have a water scene, that is, fountains etc., It was built like the old Roman Amphitheatre. They let the water into the center. Why the one scene was worth a shilling. We rode the big, Ferris Wheel and went on the air ships. I could not have had a better days outing. The fare from Otley to Blackpool day’s excursion 6:30 till 8:30 leave Blackpool. was 3 shillings 3D. It is about 80 miles. We had fine weather save for an hour or so before noon. Saw the sun set in the
ocean as you say. Thousands of people were playing on the sands. It can not beat as a resort. [“Went to Blackpool Aug 26. 1909.” written along the side margin]

Thur. Aug 26, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting in Ilkley after dinner. Finished tracting Ilkley. Put out 300 tracts. Met some of the meanest people I ever met. Got turned down several times, but I did meet some very good people. Has been a nice day.

Friday Aug 27, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting after dinner. Finished tracting Beurkydin and then tracted Askwith on the way home. Put out 300 tracts and sold 4 bks. Met some good people. Had some good talks. Took a walk at night. Fine weather just like summer.

Saturday Aug 28, 1909 Otley
Sat was Otley Gala and Feast; so we decided to stay here till Sun. before going to Ripon.

They had an excellent parade. There were comic bands and characters to represent nearly everybody. The characters were well gotten up. Their floats were good. They had several good bands. After the parade, they all went to the, Cricket Field, where the prizes were awarded. They had all kinds of races and competition drills by the police and hospital corps. A police-man must know a little to keep on the Force, in this Country. They had an open-air show moving pictures etc. and fire-works at night. Admission 6D to see all. We had a fine day for the sports. Elder Davis and I studied all the forenoon.

Sunday Aug. 29. Otley and Ripon.

Went to Ripon just after breakfast. Got there about noon. Had dinner then we read the Stars and took a walk and came back for tea. It rained very hard just at meeting time, but our Saints turned out nevertheless. Had a good meeting. We had several good Gospel Con.

Monday August 30 - 1909. Ripon Harrogate and Otley.
Spent the day sight seeing in Harrogate. We stored our bikes. We are seldom together, so we took advantage of the opportunity. Went to a good show at night and rode home after on our bikes. Got home about 12:00 a.m. very tired. Has been a good day, but it did shower a trifle. The play was called ‘The Woman In The Case’
Tues Aug 31, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting in Guisley after dinner. It is a little place of about 10,000 people. We put out 200 tracts each. I sold 3 bks and gave 1 away. Had several good talks explaining our tracts. Had to get a tire for my bike. It cost me 5 shilling and 6 D & We had a fine day.

Wed. September 1 – 1909 – Otley and Bradford
Went over to Bradford after dinner on my bicycle. Met all the boys. Had a good time. We recd. some excellent instruction from Pres Horsley. I paid the office 10 shillings. Went to the Princess Theatre at night with several of the elders. Elder Davis and myself went up to Clayton with Elder Hyde and stayed all night.

Thursday Sept 2, 1909 – Clayton and Bradford.
Elder Perry and Hyde prevailed on us to stay for the day and look around Bradford. We took a 5D ride around Bradford. Went to the Empire at night. We stayed at Clayton again Thurs night.

It rained during the night, but cleared off in the morning. We certainly recd. good treatment at Clayton. The elders just think the world of each other. Elder Davis and I got our bikes and thanked Elder Perry and Hyde and left for Otley. Reached Otley about 1P.M. Had a good dinner. Met several friends of Mrs Goodair; one of them had a brother in Utah. We had some good talks, explaining our side of the question. [“Good weather” written along the side margin]

Saturday Sept 4, 1909. Otley
As it was a rainy day, we stayed at the lodge all the fore-noon. After a good dinner Elder Davis went to Leeds to fill an appointment there Sun. I studied and wrote letters etc. I also took a bath. Sometimes the water is so cold in the bath that it is a wonder a fellow does not catch more colds than he does. The weather is very unsettled.

Elder Alex Anderson came over from Bradford and took Elder Davis’ wheel and we rode to Ripon. Got there about noon. Had dinner and took a walk around town. Had a good night meeting. Bro Thompson came over from Barrowby. After meeting, we heard some bad news. Sisster Rumble and her little boy had got run over by an automobile. and hurt very bad. We had a fine day. We heard just before going to bed that Sister Rumble was much better.
Monday Sept 6. Ripon, Studley Royal, Harrogate and Otley
Went to Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey. My, but Fountain’s Abbey is a wonder. It is the largest old ruined abbey in Eng. We looked all around the old ruins. The grounds were grand. There were all kinds of trees. The grounds were very pretty. We heard before going to Studley Royal that Sister Rumble was much better. We had dinner after getting back and then called on Sister Rumble but was unable to see her. We were then told that she was much better. We rode on to Harrogate. We spent the after noon in Harrogate. We took in the sights and then rode home. Anderson stayed for the night.

Tuesday Sept 7, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Guiseley. Put out 250 tracts and sold 6 bks. Had several good Gos. Con. Had a fine time tracting. Met several fine people. Weather was good in the after noon, but it was showery in the fore-noon. Elder Anderson went home about 11 a.m.

Wednesday Sept 8, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Guisely. We ride our bicycles. Had a poor district to tract in. You can not imagine how poor some of them were. They were also very dirty. Met some good people tho. It showered a little, but we did not have to stop tracting. When we were there, it rained quite hard. It is very cold for Sept.

Thursday Sept 9. 1909 Otley
Went out tracting after dinner. We usually study in the fore-noon and tract after dinner. I met several nice people, but on the whole found them very indifferent. There are a great many Catholics in Guisely. It is a city of about 15,000. It is about 5 miles from here. The cars run from there to Leeds. I saw more dirt and poverty than I have seen for a long time. It makes ones heart bleed to see the poor women and children. We saw a big mill loose. There were little girls and boys not out of their teens that had been running some machine all day. Old men and women could also be seen, but they were mostly young people. It has been an excellent day.

Friday Sept. 10, 1909 Otley
Went out tracting after dinner. We finished Guiseley with 1st tract and went to Yeadon. We find a great many Catholics all thru these towns. Met a great many very poor people. Some few were well off, but the most are hard working poor. Too poor as they say to do
them much good. They need the necessaries of life more than any thing at present.
Weather has been excellent to-day.

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Went over to Bradford about 6 P.M. to attend their little Cantata, “At Home.” It was
raining a little when I left Otley. Elder Clark had called at the lodge to go Ripon with
Elder Davis, but finding him gone, he took the train. I reached Bradford a little after 6
P.M. Went up to the West Gate Hall Had a champion time there. Went to Pudsey with
Elders Kerr & Hall and stayed for the night. They have a nice lodge. It showered all the
after noon.

Arose early and had breakfast with Elder Hall. It seemed like home to be with John C. It
was just a year and 2 months, that is, 14 months since John

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and I signed up at Liverpool. John went to Bradford after breakfast to fill an appt. to
Keighley; so I walked over to Farsley to see Robinson’s, that is Elder Harter’s cousins.
Found them OK. They treated me fine. Came back to the lodge and had dinner with
Elder Kerr. We had a good S. School. Went to tea to Bro Gray’s. We also had a
champion night meeting. Elder Kerr and I went down to Senior’s after meeting and spent
an hour or so chatting. It has been a nice day, but a little showery.

Monday Sept 13, 1909. Pudsey Bradford & Otley
Slept 3 in a bed Sun. night. Had a poor night of it. Had a good breakfast and bade Elder
Hall & Kerr good day thanking them

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for their kindness to me. Called on Elder Cutler in Bradford. He is going home soon, as
his time is about up and Sister Cutler had her arm broken in a crowd one night not long
ago. Took the 1:15 P.M. train for Otley. Reached there OK. Very tired, but intend to get in
a good night to night. It looks much like rain. [“Very Cold For This Season Of The
Year.” written along the side margin]

Tues Sept. 14, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Menston and Guiseley. We finished Menston and
started on Guiseley with the 3rd tract. We put out 300 tracts each. I met some very good
people, but most were very indifferent. There are so many Catholics in these small
towns. I sold several books and had a few
good talks. I wish they would get more interested and would oppose me more. We had a nice to tract. I know that some of literature will do some good; because we sell a great many good books. [“We Have Had Very Little Summer.” written along the side margin]

Wednesday Sept 15 – 1909  Otley
Went out tracting in Guiseley after dinner. Had a good day tracting. Met several nice people. Had several good Gos. Con. We sometimes have a dog chase you away, but we just laugh and go on tracting. Guiseley is a place about like Provo City. I like the country OK. The cars run from Guiseley to Leeds. Has been a fine day. One feels OK on fine days but they so many days otherwise. The Lord bless the farmers.

Thursday Sept. 16, 1909. Otley
Being a very stormy day, I stayed at the lodge all day. I took several little walks between showers. I studied the greater part of the day. Elder Davis went to Leeds after dinner. He had a call to make on a friend or some one. I had a good talk with the taylor down depot street, but he is very narrow and bigoted. We are thinking of holding some meetings here in the near future. “The Storm Descended etc.” written along the side margin]

Friday Sept 17, 1909  Otley
Was a fine day; so we went out tracting after having a good dinner. I put out 300 3rd tracts. Had several good Gos. Con. Had one fellow jump me on Pologamy. I showed him the side the L.D.S. took towards pologamy. Had one two refuse to take tracts, but I talked them into taking them. We tract in Guiseley at present. Elder Davis and I have been trying to rent a room here to hold meetings, but we are as yet unsuccessful. They want to charge us too much, One place they were letting the Friends Society have it twice a week for 3/6 they wanted 6/0 from us. No other reason than they do not want the L.D.S. or Mormons. We went over to the Market Place at night and heard a good lecture on temperance.

Saturday Sept 18, 1909. Otley and Bradford Baptism
Went to Bradford to attend

Baptismal Service at the Feversham St. Baths. Elder Davis spoke at the Baths. He did OK. There were 22 baptized. Elders Clark, Croff, Balty and Davis officiating. We take it in turns in the Leeds Conference. We had an excellent service. One of the largest we have ever had. Had an excellent Confirmation meeting. Such a good spirit there. I confirmed one, Annie Bowman Allen of Halifax. We came home after the services
feeling good in the work and thanking the Lord that some more honest in heart had taken upon themselves his name. Has been a good day.

Sunday Sept 19. 1909  Ripon

Elder Davis and myself rode over to Ripon to hold our night meeting. We called at Sister Rumble’s and found her on the road to recovery. She will be able to come to our meetings about next Sun. Found mother Hodgson and family OK. Had a good night meeting. After meeting we went to mother Hodgson and sang etc. We had several friends call and see us. We had several good Gos Con. Has been an excellent day.

Called at Miss Wilson’s on our way to Barrowby. She showed us thru Dr. Bowman’s home. He is a rich retired Dr. Miss Wilson is his house keeper. She is an old maid about 50, but she is a good woman. The Dr. has a fine place. We left there and rode on to Borrowby. I got a puncher so we stopped at Thirsk while the repair man was fixing it. Thirsk is a quaint old market town hundreds of years old. They have an open market. I saw heard of geese etc being driven to market. We got our bikes an rode on to Borrowby. Found Bro Thompson and family OK. We filled up with plums and fruit you bet. Spent an enjoyable evening singing and talking on the Gospel a neighbor and his wife stepped in to hear us. We are doing some little good I suppose. It has been a little showery all day. I do love to go to Bro Thompson’s. His little children just make me feel so good. I do love children and long to have a nice little wife and family of my own.

Tuesday Sept. 21 – 09. Borrowby and Kepwick.
We took a ramble in the morning thru the country. It is a most beautiful country. An artist could not paint the beautiful hills and fields. I like the country better than the city. The city brings a man nearer to man; because he sees him at his worst as well as his best while the country brings you nearer to God the Creator of all. After dinner Bro Thompson and I rode to Kepwick about 3 miles off to see a Mrs Rudd. She is contemplating baptism. She is very poor and has about 40 eleven kids and she seems to be not very bright, but judge not lest you be judged. We had a good talk with her and invited over to Bro Thompson’s to hear us during the evening. She promised to come if it did not rain, but it rained. Elder Davis and I put out about 30 or 40 tracts to hold a cottage meeting, but had none come out save the two that came the night before.
Wednesday Sept 22. 1909 – Borrowby, Ripon, Harrogate and Otley.
We spent the fore-noon in Borrowby then rode to Ripon. Stopped just out of Thirsk to watch a threshing machine run. It was very similar to our machine, but had a straw binder on the end where the straw comes out. We had dinner at Ripon and left for Otley. Stopped at Sister Rumbles for awhile. Found her still much better. Rode on to Harrogate. Stayed to see “Mrs Wiggs of The Cabbage Patch” at the Grand. It was rotten; because they had a rotten company. We got home about 12.P.M. Very tired. We have rode about 42 miles to-day. P.S. We called at Sister Vaseys at Bishop Monkton. She gave us a jar of jam and a cake. We tied the jam on the bike and I put the cake in my big coat pocket.

Thursday Sept. 23. 1909 Otley
Rainy old day; so I stayed in the lodge writing letters and studying. Took a walk in the evening over to the Market Place. Heard a Mission Wagon Wesleyian preacher. He spoke on the “Curse of Drink.” He also said Belief or faith alone was sufficient. He is off his burr. We certainly hear some queer statements.

Friday Sept. 24. 09. Otley
After dinner, we went out tracting in Guiseley & Yeadon. We finished Guiseley and put out a few 3rds in Yeadon. Found the people very in-different. Met, but few that were willing even to talk. Had a few good Gos. Con. Had an excellent day for tracting. Eng. is OK when the weather is fine.

Saturday Sept 23. 1909 Otley
Stayed at the lodge writing letters and studying the greater part of the day. In the evening, I took a walk over to the market to listen to the fruit peddlers etc. Has been a fine day. Just like a good Utah day. Had a talk with the Methodist Mission Wagon fellow. He was very unreasonable.

Sunday Sept 26. 1909 Otley and Ripon –
Went to Ripon just before noon. We did not get wet strange to say. We had an excellent trip. Stopped here and there to pick black-berries. There are plenty of blackberries and hazel-nuts. We arrived a mother Hodgson’s OK. Found them all well save Mrs Hodgson had a very bad cold. We had a good night meeting. I spoke first on “Salvation For The Dead” then Elder Davis spoke on the Resurrection. Went back to Mrs Hodgson and sang songs. One feels OK when he is engaged in such good work.
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Stopped at Sister Rumbles on our way home. Found her OK. Had a good talk with them. We stopped at Harrogate for a little while. Some one run a pin in my bike; so we had to fix it. We decided to stay over for a show. We storred our bikes. The play was a ‘Hungarian One called the “Devil”. It was grand. We had to ride home in a bad rain storm after the show. (about 11 miles.) We got home OK. Felt OK. Got a little wet.

Tuesday Sept. 28, 1909.  Otley
Was a very wet day; so we stayed at the lodge studying. In the evening we called on a fellow that has a mission wagon here for awhile. We talked to him, but he would not stay to the scripture and finally as they all do when cornered, he flew off onto pologamy. We had a nice time with him tho and I think left a good impression. After supper, we went to a lecture at the Socialist place by Rev R. W. Cummings on the “Socialistic Teachings of Jesus”. He almost persuaded me to be a socialist when I get home. It was raining again when the lecture was over. It is to be hoped that we will have some fine weather soon.

Wednesday Sept 29, 1909,  Otley
Went out tracting in Yeadon about 6 miles from here. Talk about crooked streets well Yeadon is the limit. They run in every direction. Had a nice time tracting. Met some fine people, but met some very very poor and dirty.

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Went to the Socialist meeting at night to hear the preacher again on the subject of, “The Socialist Teachings of the Apostles.” He was OK. He talked about like Pres Penrose would. He really delivered a L.D.S. address on our idea of the “Kingdom of God On Earth.” Has been a good day.

Thurs. Sept 30, 1909.  Otley
Went out tracting in Yeadon after dinner. Put out 200 tracts, sold 4 books and gave 3 away. Had 4 Gospel Con. Met some fine people. Most of the people tho are very indifferent. Elder Davis and myself were called in to administer to a sick lady. She said she had faith we could do her could. May God.

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bless her in accordance to her faith. She was a nice old lady. We went to the Socialist Meeting at night to hear a lecture on “Why the Christian Religion Failed to Establish Socialism?” Was very good. Has been a good day. P.S. We were very sorry to receive word that Elder Griff E. Williams of Idaho had just died in Wales from appendicitis. His
brother Elder Franklin D. Williams is to accompany the body home. May God bless the bereaved ones at home. Has been very sudden death.

Friday Oct 1, 1909 – Bradford
Went to Priesthood Meeting. Met all the boys. We gave in our reports. Received some good instruction relative to our work. A gloom was cast over us by the death of Elder Griff Williams. Elder Franklin D. Williams and Elder John C Cutler and wife accompanied the body home. We all voted to give the Pres. power to appt. 3 to draw some resolutions of respect. Elder Sanford, Elder Hall and Elder Davis were appt. We bade each other God speed and returned to our respective branches.

Went to Ripon on my bike. Had a nice ride over. Just stopped in Harrogate for a few minutes to watch a foot-ball game. Found all well at Ripon, but they were very sorry to hear of the death of Elder Griff E. Williams. Went thru the market at night.

Left my bike at a shop to get the wheel repaired. The coaster brake was out of commission. Needs a free wheel put in. Has been a fine day.

Sunday Oct 3. 1909. Ripon
Awoke to find a wet old day. Elder Alex Bowman came up from Leeds. He was taken up with Ripon. He thot it just OK. It rained all day. In the afternoon, some friends and saints came in and we sang songs. We had a good meeting at night. I gave the Saints a chance to bear their testimony. One lady, Sister Bulmer, bore her testimony. Her husband a non-member got up and went out as he did not want to hear what his wife said. We got along OK tho. Had some good singing after services. Wet old day. Had a nice time singing at mother Hodgson’s after meeting.

Saw Elder Bowman off on his train to Leeds. Sister Bulmer called at the lodge to tell me that her husband was very sorry for going out. She said he begged he pardon and said he knew the Gospel was true, but his temper got the best of him once in awhile. Called at Rumbles on my way home. Found them OK. Reached Harrogate OK and stopped for about an hour then came on to Otley. Has been a fine day.

Tuesday Oct 5 - 1909. Otley
Very Wet Day. Stayed at the lodge nearly all day reading and writing letters. It cleared off in the evening and we took a walk. It is getting to feel like fall.
Wednesday Oct 6, 1909  Otley
Went out tracting in Yeadon after dinner. Had a nice day for tracting. Most of the people
would not talk. There are a great many very poor dirty ones. One fellow said the Gospel
was not in his line, but I showed him that it was. Put out 200 tracts & sold 5 bks. Has
been a fairly good day, but it showered a little before noon.

Thursday Oct 7, 1909.  Otley
It was a wet morning and very showery up to 3 P.M. We went out tracting in Yeadon.
Put out 225 tracts. Had to put our capes on going and coming back. We had to light our
lamps coming back. We do not care for a little inconvenience. We are just as happy as
clams.

I met a ‘Spiritualist’ and had a good talk. She invited me in and told me that I could call
again. She seemed much interested in the Gospel. I sold 5 bks while tracting. Weather
has been fierce rain and wind.

Friday Oct 8. 1909.  Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Yeadon & Rawdon. Found a few that wanted to hear
you, but the most part were too busy or something or other. One fellow told me he did
not want anything to do with me. I put out 250 tracts sold 2 bks. Had a few good talks,
Has been an excellent day for tracting, but the people are not looking for the Truth it
seems in a great many cases.

Went over to Bradford after dinner on my bike, so as to be there for Sunday. Went to the
Empire at night to see Vesta Tilley. She takes the part of a boy and sings. She is grand.
She is about 60. Went up to the Pres. Horsley’s lodge 175, Gladstone St. and stayed with
Elder Alex Anderson. Has been a good, but it rained a little at night.

Sunday Oct 10, 1909,  Bradford
After a good breakfast, we went down for Sunday school. Met Elder Hall and Elder
Kerr. We all went down together. On our way down, we met two new elders, Elder
Whipple and Robinson. We could tell they were elders by their looks and dress. They
were glad to see us. We had a good Sunday school. Went to tea with Bro Clarkston. Had a nice
tea. We had a good after noon meeting. Elder Anderson and Elder Sanford Spoke. Went
to tea up to Flemming’s with Rose Flemming. Had a good tea. My, but it did rain in the
after noon. Had a good night meeting. I spoke first on the Apostacy etc. Then Elder
Sanford introduced the two new elders who spoke a minute or so. He then took the 
remainder of the time. Took the two new elders up to the Pres lodge then I came down to 
Elder Sanford’s lodge at 16 Cornwall Place Off Maningham Lane. Those elders, the new 
one. tho I was just it for taking them up to the lodge. They could not have

their way alone. Talk about rain well we got it last night.

After breakfast, I went to the Midland Station and got my bicycle and rode home to Otley. Had a nice ride home. The roads were a little muddy, but I got along OK. My, 
but it did rain soon after I arrived at Otley. I studied and wrote a letter & a card.

Tuesday Oct 12 - 1909. Otley 
Went out tracting after dinner in Rawdon. Met some fine people. Had several good 
talks. I always met several mean ones. Put out 200 tracts and sold 5 books. Had to light 
my lamp to ride home, as it was getting dark. Rawdon is 4 to 6 miles

from Otley. Has been a good day. Fifteen months old to-day. but it does not seem half 
that time.

Wednesday Oct 13. 1909 Otley 
Very rainy before noon. I read the Desert News, about Pres Taft’s visit to Utah. After 
dinner; we went out tracting in Rawdon. Met several good people there. Sold several 
bks. Finished tracting in Horsforth. Had to light our lamps to come home. It gets dark 
about 5 30 P.M. now, that is, so you have to light up.

Thursday Oct. 14 - 1909. Otley 
Went out tracting after dinner in Horsforth. Had a nice time. Sold 11 bks. Put out 250 
tracts. Met some good people, Had a dog try to take a piece out of my leg, but I got out 
of his way. [“Has been a good day.” written along the side margin]

Rainy day; so we stayed at the lodge studying. Went over to the “Open Air Market” after 
dinner for awhile. Took a walk in the evening.

Saturday Oct. 16, 1909. Otley 
Elder Davis and myself went to Ripon just after dinner. We rode to Harrogate an uphill 
grade 11 miles in 55 minutes. We stopped for awhile at Harrogate. Found all well at 
Sunday Oct 17, 1909. **Ripon**
Got up early and walked out to Studley Royal Church to attend “Harvest Festival.” They had the church beautifully decorated with Flowers, fruit, grain and vegetables. The speaker was the “Bishop of Ripon.” He is considered one of the best of England. They say Queen Victoria’s favorite. He spoke “On Obedience to the Law,” but never told us what was the law. We went to Sister Bulmer’s for tea. We had an excellent night meeting. Three investigators. Has been a good day.

Monday Oct. 18, 1909. **Ripon and Borrowby**
Rode out to Borrowby after breakfast to see Bro Thompson’s family. We stopped awhile at Thirsk. We found all well at Borrowby. Had a good dinner then Elder Davis and I went out Black-berrying. We got about 2 qts. Spent a most enjoyable evening singing and talking on the Gospel. Has been a grand day. [“PS Had a good chicken supper and blackberry pie.” written along the side margin]

Tuesday Oct. 19, 1909. **Borrowby and Otley.**
After breakfast, we bade them goodbye and rode over to Kepwick to call on a Mrs Rudd an investigator. Had a good talk with her. Left her and rode to Ripon. We had dinner and then rode over to Bishop-monton to call on Sister Vasey. Found her ill. We talked with her for an hour or so. We administered to her before leaving. She is a good saint. We then rode on to Harrogate. We stopped there for tea and to buy some carbon for our lamps. Left Harrogate and reached home OK. We have ridden 42 miles today. It rained quit hard just before getting to Otley and sprinkled a little nearly all the after-noon.

Wednesday Oct. 20, 1909. **Otley.**
Was rainy in the fore-noon,

but it cleared off after noon. We went out tracting in Yeadon. Put out 300 tracts and sold 2 bks. Had several good talks. Had to light up to ride home.

Thursday Oct 21, 1909. **Otley**
We went out tracting after dinner in Yeadon. Put out 300 tracts and sold 4 bks. Had several good talks. One lady told me about an elder running off with another man’s wife. They believe anything about the Mormons. We had a good laugh about it. We are allaying a great deal of prejudice. We nearly froze it was so cold when we were coming home. We took a walk in the evening after supper. It rained while we were getting supper, but it cleared off.
Friday Oct. 22, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting after dinner in Yeadon. Met several fine people. I had some excellent Gospel Con. I think that we are doing a good work in Yeadon. Had a fine day for tracting. Had to light our lamps coming home. Put out 300 tracts.

Saturday Oct 23, 1909 Otley
Was a stormy old day; so we took a cheap excursion to Leeds to see the “Shop Displays”. It was shopping week. We went to the Empire at night. Had some trouble to get a train back, but finally managed it OK.

We did not go Saturday to Ripon on acct of the rain, and

arose to find a good day set in Sunday. We had breakfast and after reading our “Yankee” mail, we started for Ripon on our bikes. We had not gone only about 7 miles when it started to rain. We got under a tree thinking it would pass over, but it just poured down. We had our capes on, but the wind would blow the capes up and we got wet. We finally left our faithful old tree and faced the storm. It cleared off when we reached Harrogate. We took off our capes and road on. It was so cold that we nearly froze. Our dear motherly land-lady at Ripon did all she could to make us comfortable. I put on a pair of her son’s socks and a pair of house slippers. I say God bless our English mothers.

We had a champion meeting at night. Never felt better. We met as usual after meeting at mother Hodgson’s and sang etc.

Came back to Otley about noon, that is, left Ripon about noon. It was a grand day. One of the best we have had. We spent about 2 or 3 hrs on the road black-berrying. Bought tea at Harrogate. Only had a penny left. It is no sin to be poor, but rather inconvenient. Left Harrogate and reached Otley OK. Found all well at the lodge. Has been an excellent day.

Went out tracting after dinner in Yeadon. Was so cold that it was hard work to keep warm while tracting. Had a good time tho. Met some good people. One does see some poverty while out tracting. Has been a very cold day.
Wednesday Oct. 27, 1909.  Otley
Has been a clear cold day.  We went out tracting in Yeadon after dinner.  Found very few at home.  Had a dog chase me.  I nearly froze while putting out tracts.  Had to ride 4 to 6 miles after tracting, but I never felt better.  I like the work.

Thursday Oct. 28, 1909.  Otley
We stayed at the lodge studying as it was too rainy to tract.  We took a walk in the evening.

After dinner

I went to Hudd.  My, but it did seem good to look at old Hudd.  It seemed like going home.  I went down to Mother Riley’s for tea then I went up to the old lodge at 32 College St to see Mr & Mrs Horsfall.  I found them all well and they certainly treated me fine.  We talked over past events.  I then called on Sister Brooke and found them all well.  I went down to Moores and stayed for the night.  I did enjoy myself I assure you.

Got up early and took a walk I have been doing that of late.  After breakfast went down to the Elders lodge at #14 Woodthorpe Terrace Bankfield Rd.  Elders Lee & Hodgson.  I stayed there awhile talking and went down town.  then up to Moldgreen.  I called at Challengers for dinner.

Found them all well.  I then called on Mrs Green, Mrs Stead and Bro Gelder in Church Lane.  Found them all well.  Met Elder Young at Steads  We had a good talk there.  I then went down to Sister Cuttell’s.  I found them all well, but she had moved since last I was there.  My, but it seemed good to see Dorothy and Mrs Cuttell.  Little Dorothy was glad to see me.  Had tea there and came down to the Concert at #5 Buxton Rd.  They had a champion concert.  There were a great many new ones out.  Some of the Wakefield and Halifax saints and elders were there.  We all had a good time and it was declared a financial as well as a social success.  Went back to Moores for the night.  [“Has been a fine day.” written along the side margin]

Sunday Oct. 31, 1909.  Hudd,
Went up to Bro Smith’s for dinner.  Had a champion dinner.  Came down to the Hall for Sunday school.  It just seemed like I belonged to the branch.  I felt right at home.  We had a fine meeting.  Went to Lucy Brookes for tea.  Had a nice enjoyable time.  We had a good night meeting.  Elder Cooke a new elder talked about 3 minutes.  I talked about 35 and Elder Hodgson finished.  I had a good talk after meeting with some of the friends and all the saints.  I stayed with Elder Hodgson for the night.  Has been a fine day.
Monday Nov, 1, 1909.  **Hudd, Bradford and Otley.**

Came down to Bradford on an early train with elder Hodgson to attend our

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priesthood meeting.  We took in the sights of the shops and the market till 2\textsuperscript{30} then we went up to the Westgate Hall.  Met 4 or 5 new elders and they were fine fellows.  I tell you our Utah boys are OK.  We had a grand meeting.  Pres Horsley gave us some good instructions after the elders had read their reports.  About 10 of us went to the Royal Theatre at night to see the play called Samson.  It was grand.  I got back to Otley about 12 – feeling OK.  Has been a good day.

_Tues. Nov. 2, 1909.  **Otley**_

Was a rainy old day; so we stayed at the lodge all day.  Wrote letters and studied.  It cleared off towards the evening – We took a walk.  Otley is a good healthy place, but it is very still.

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**Wednesday Nov 3, 1909, **_Otley._

Was not a suitable day for tracting.  We studied and folded several hundred tracts.  Went to a socialist meeting at night.  One hears all sides of a question here.  I thank the Lord that I was born in Utah of good L. D. Saint parents.

**Thursday Nov 4, 1909.  **_Otley_

Went out tracting after breakfast; as it gets dark and foggy about 4\textsuperscript{30} P.M. now.  We tracted Rawdon.  Had one of the best days of had in the field.  Had several excellent Gospel Con.  Had one lady tho, turn me down like I was a thief.  She said she knew too much about us and would not listen.  May Heaven have mercy on all such ignorance.  Had no dinner, but had a

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good cooked tea.  Has been a good day, but a little foggy.  We expect foggy weather now.

_Friday Nov. 5 - 1909.  **Otley, Grey Fawkes Day.**_

After breakfast, we went out tracting in Rawdon.  Had one man tell me that he heard about Brigham Young many years ago.  He shut the door and said good day – A young lady turned me down also, but I met several good people and had some good talks.  I punctured my bike so bad that I had to get a new inner tube 2\textsuperscript{s} 6D.  Has been an excellent day.  We go out tracting in the forenoon because it gets dark soon after 4 P.M. now.  [“We are having hazy weather now.” written along the side margin]
Saturday Nov. 6, 1909. Otley
Went to Ripon after dinner.

Was a fine day. Stopped for about an hour at Harrogate. Went thru the “Trades Exibition” at the Royal Spa Concert Hall. Rode on to Ripon. Found Elder Rich there and all the folks OK. We had tea and took a walk around town. It was a grand day. Clear as a silver bell. Elder Rich was taken up with Ripon. He said it could not be beat for being a pretty little place. We talked during the evening and then went to bed tired, but happy.

Sunday Nov. 7, 1909, Ripon
Elder Rich and I got up and went to services in the Cathedral. We enjoyed the services, but thanked the Lord that we were disposed Mormons. We had dinner and took a walk over the river and around town. Got back for tea. Had a good tea and went to our little meeting. We had an excellent meeting. Elder Rich spoke fine then I spoke. I won’t say how. We went to a sacred concert after our meeting which was very good. It has been clear and cold for the last day or so.

Monday Nov. 8, 1909. Ripon and Otley.
Went to see Elder Rich off on his train to Leeds then I came back to Harrogate and Otley. Stopped at Harrogate for dinner. Just after leaving Harrogate, I run on to a party of, ‘Fox Hunters’ and I saw a real fox hunt. I saw the fox several times try to cross a field out of their way but it had to run back to the woods for safety from the dogs. The men and women made their horses jump the hedges. The dogs were barking and it made one feel like he would like to join them. I did not see them bag the fox as it was getting late and I had about 10 miles to ride. Reached Otley OK. Found a letter from home. Glad to get back. Has been a clear cold day.

Tuesday Nov. 9, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting after breakfast in Rawdon. Had a nice day tracting, but it was so cold that I nearly froze. It rained before we got back. Had several good talks. Had a good tea about 5 oclock. We are just having two meals a day now. My, but it is cold to tract. We can not wear our over-coats and ride our bicycles. [“Very, very cold with a few showers.” written along the side margin]
Wednesday Nov. 10, 1909. Otley
Went out tracting after breakfast in Horsforth. We tracted all day, that is, till tea time. Met some good people and had several good talks. Had two dogs try to get hold of me, but I beat them to the gate. A police-man told Elder Davis that he would run us in for trying to sell our books without a license. We are not going back to Horsforth again, as we just had to-days tracting left anyhow. He will get fooled as we can go elsewhere. Has been a fine day. [“Went to the Otley Flower show at night. It was grand.” written along the side margin]

Thursday Nov. 11 – 1909 Otley
We went to a flower show last night. Talk about beautiful chrysanthumums, well they had them there. We arose early and after breakfast went out tracting in Addingham just beyond Ilkley, that is, about 10 or 11 miles from here. I met several good people and had some good talks. Sold several books. Took a bad fall from my bicycle, but received no hurt save a little bruise on my hand. Got back to the lodge about 330 P.M having spent a good day tracting. Had a good tea (after resting and studied. Took a walk for awhile. Has been a cold clear day.

Friday Nov. 12, 1909. Otley.
Sixteen months to-day since I arrived in England, but it does not seem half that time. I have really enjoyed myself. I hope that I may always be true to the Gospel because I know it is true. Went out tracting in Addingham after breakfast. Finished Addingham and went on to Silsden. It was a showery windy day, but we stood it out OK. From Addingham to Silsden is 3 miles nearly all up hill. There was such a strong wind that it would nearly blow you over. We put out our tracts having had an excellent day and started home. We had about 15 miles from the lodge. While passing thru Ilkley my hat blew off and blew right into a shop. The scenery of the Wharfdale Valley could not be beat. You can not imagine how beautiful it is. We got back to the lodge about 4½ hrs. We did not get wet after all. We had a fine tea. Has been a windy and disagreeable old cold day. [“Got my hair cut. It cost 4D, that is, 8 cts. And it was cut OK.” written along the side margin]

Saturday Nov. 13, 1909. Otley and Bradford
Elder Davis and myself walked over the Shivvon to Menston thence to Shipley, that is, about 8 miles then we took the car costing us 2D to Bradford. We had a lovely day to walk and we certainly enjoyed it. We had a lunch before going to the Priesthood
meeting. Pres Penrose was there and heard our average reports for the past six months. We had a good time together. My, but we have got a nice bunch of elders. I just love them all. We took a walk after Priesthood Mt and came back to attend a concert at the hall. We had a nice concert, that is, Bradford Branch did. Elder Davis Elder Brewer, Hinckley and myself went up to Sister Hudson’s for the evening, that is, to bunk. We had a good night of it because the

bed was OK. God bless Sister Hudson.

Sunday Nov 14, 1909. Semi Annual Conference Bradford Temperance Hall. Convened at 10 A.M. Well attended, Met all the Huddersfield saints & friends also many others. Met Elder Francom of Lwan. He was over on a visit from Sheffield. The services were grand all day. Pres Penrose spoke as well as I have ever heard him at all three sessions, that is, at 10 AM, 2 P.M and 6 P.M. He showed us that God was the Father of our spirits and also that Heaven would be graded to suit the individual. He spoke on a great many things about Mormonism in General. Its message to the world. After the evening service Elder Davis and myself went up to Sister Hudson’s for the night, Elder Davis rec’d. [“Has been excellent weather.” written along the side margin]

his release to go home on Dec 9,

Monday Nov. 15 - 1909. Bradford and Otley. We went up to Sister Jefferies’ for dinner after partaking of Sister Hudson’s hospitality. We had a champion dinner and then talked for hours. I tell you they are a grand old couple. May Heaven reward them for their kindness. to the Elders; for they are certainly kind. We bade them good day and went to the station and came back to Otley on the train.

Tuesday Nov, 16, 1909. Otley. Went out tracting in Hawksworth and Baildon two little villages near Bradford. We usually go in the fore-noon so as to get back before dark. I had a fine day of it. I put out 300 tracts, sold 11 books, gave 1 away and got into 1 home. I had a great many good talks.

My, but it was so cold that I could hardly tract towards the last. Baildon is a good village to tract. I expect to get moved out of this district before long as I am getting the tracting all done within 10 or 20 miles.

Wednesday Nov. 17, 1909. Otley. Went out tracting about noon in Baildon which is about 8 or 9 miles from here. Was a cold clear day, but it clouded up and just rained a little. I had a dog chase me out of a
yard. I had to keep it from me and back out. I met some fine people and had several
good talks. Sold 6 books and put out 250 tracts. Got back to the lodge about 5\textsuperscript{th} P.M.
Had a fine meat-pudding, some potatoes, bread & butter and rice pudding for tea. Took a
walk in the evening.

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Thursday Nov. 18, 1909. \textbf{Otley}
Went out tracting in a little town near Bradford called, Thackerly (A place of about 2,000
people. We put out 250 tracts. Could have sold several more books, but we were out.
We saw some new scenery. We do every day now. We will soon all tracted within a
radius of 10 to 15 miles. Was cold and cloudy. Had to walk some of the way home; as
Elder Davis punctured his bike. Took a walk in the evening. Called on Mr Kitching.
[“Cold cloudy weather. I fear a storm soon.” \textit{written along the side margin}]

Friday Nov 19, 1909 \textbf{Otley}
We did not go out tracting as we were waiting for books etc and Elder Davis had a
puncture in his bike. We studied and

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going thru the Market etc. It was “Station Day,” that is, the day when the farm hands etc
are hired or fired for another season. There was a “Feast” up in the Lick’s or cattle
market. All kinds of sports such as merry-go-rounds, shooting galleries etc. and a
menagerie. It cost 3\textsuperscript{rd} to go into the menagerie. A fellow got in with the fiercest lion I
have ever seen. He had several wolves trained like dogs. They would jump thru hoops
etc. Talk about grafters at home, well England can beat us. They have all kinds of skin
games. Has been a fine day.

Saturday Nov. 20. 1909. \textbf{Otley Harrogate & Ripon.}

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Went to Ripon about 12 A.M. Stopped a few minutes in Harrogate. Bought some apples
and looked around. and then rode on to Ripon. Found all well at Ripon at the lodge. We
took a walk Sat. night around town. A little cold and cloudy.

Sunday Nov. 21, 1909 \textbf{Ripon}
Arose early as I was a little chilly in bed. We studied a little from the bible during the
day and talked with the saints & friends that called in to see us. Had a good night
meeting. I left most of the time for Elder Davis as he was just going to be there a Sunday
or two. We came back to the lodge after services and sang hymns.

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Looks very much like rain or snow.
Monday Nov. 22. 1909 Ripon
When we arose about 8:30 A.M, we were surprised to find it to be snowing. We had breakfast and sat around for an hour or so and then started for Borrowby. We had gone about 2 miles and it began to snow something terrific a wet cold snow. The roads were not fit for bicycling so we turned back. It rained and snowed on and off all day. The snow would melt as soon as it fell. We stayed at the lodge all day talking and reading. Had to stay for the night.

Tuesday Nov. 23. 1909. Ripon and Otley
Came back to

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Otley after breakfast. The roads were frozen, but in places they were thawed so we got very muddy around our shoes etc. Found several letters at the lodge waiting us. We read them and were glad to learn all were well at home. We studied at the lodge for the remainder of the day. Has been a cold clear day.

Wednesday Nov. 24 1909 Otley
Elder Davis and myself left about noon on our bicycles for Hudd. It is 22 miles and a great part of it up hill & down. We had a fine day of it. We had a nice journey getting there about 4 P.M. We called at Bro Smith’s and left our bicycles and went down to Sisters Haigh and Phillips for tea as we had promised to call

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for tea. We had a champion tea and talked for an hour or so on old times and on the Gospel. We then called on Sister Riley for a few minutes and then went to M.I.A. Met all the Saints & friends. Had a nice meeting. Stayed at Bro Smith’s for the night. Had a poor night as the trains etc kept us awake.

Thursday Nov. 25 – 1909. Hudd
Arose about 8:30. Had breakfast, about 9 A.M. and took a walk up in Birkby around Norman Park. We then went down to Elder Lee’s lodge and got him to go with us and visit. We had dinner before leaving. We went to Challengers for tea. Had a champion tea. Called on Sister Cuttell after. She gave me a ginger

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cake to bring home. We then called on Mr Clayton. We stayed with Elder Lee for the night. Slept 3 in a bed. Did not have the best of a night, but did OK. We have had good weather on our side. We called at Moores in the after noon.

Friday Nov. 26. Hudd, Bradford and Otley
We arose early and had breakfast. After breakfast Elder Davis and myself took a walk up to Beaumont Park. We had been thru Greenhead and Norman Parks. We were sight seeing. We went to Bro Smith’s for dinner. We left soon after dinner for Otley. While
going down Manchester Rd. a steep grade into Bradford I had a bad fall. I rode across
the tracks and my wheel

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slipped. I tell you I thot that I was going to be hurt, but I was not. My wrist was a little
sprained that is all. We went a little further and Elder Davis punctured his bicycle. We
put them in a shop and walked around town. Elder Davis had no lamp; so he bought a
Chinese lantern to light up with. Everybody were guying us, but we got thru OK. and felt
as happy as two clams. We have had a champion time while at Hudd. The weather has
been fine.

Saturday Nov. 27, 1909. Otley and Bradford.
My wrist was too sore to ride my bicycle; so I went to Ripon on the train Week end
ticket. 2s. I left just after dinner. Got to Ripon soon

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after 2 P.M. Found all well at the lodge. I had a good Gospel Con. with a fellow that
called in the lodge. He did not know what to say to me. Spent a sociable evening talking
on various subjects with those at the lodge. Rained a little towards evening.

Sunday Nov. 28. 1909. Ripon
Attended the Wesleyen Methodist Chapel in the morning. I could see the many points in
favor of Mormonism. Had a good dinner. Went to Sister Bulmer’s for tea. Elder Davis
got to Ripon just about 6 P.M. We had a champion meeting. One new one old. Called
on Sister Bulmer again as Elder Davis was going home on Dec 9, and he wanted to see
them. Has been a wet day.

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Monday Nov. 29. 1909 Ripon
Elder Davis’ farewell party was to come off at night so we were busily preparing for it.
We did some shopping for Mother Hodgson. We had about 15 to the party. In behalf of
the saints and friends he was presented a silver hot water pitcher (26s. It had engraved To
A. F. Davis from members & friends of Ripon etc. Everything went off OK. All enjoyed
themselves. A little rainy all day. Elder Davis and I took several good walks during the
day.

Tuesday Nov. 30, 1909. Ripon and Otley
We stayed at the lodge till about noon then we bade them good bye. Elder Davis bade
them good bye for the last time. Mother Hodgson felt rather bad.
We called on Sister Bulmer and also Miss Wilson to bid them good bye. They all think a lot of Elder Davis. He is a good fellow. I came back on the 2 P.M [“1.46 train” written above 2 P.M.”]. Has been a wet old day.

Wednesday Dec 1, 1909  Bradford
Went to Bradford on the 1 P.M train. Was a rainy old day. Elder Davis got measured for a suit and a over-coat at Palmer’s. He also had his picture taken at Walter Scott’s. We had an excellent priesthood meeting. All the elders felt OK. They all had good reports. There were 3 new elders. (All fine fellows. Elder Davis, Croff, Batty & Clark reported it to be their last priesthood meeting. We all hate to loose them, They are all good fellows. May Heaven bless them with safe journeys home. Elder Fred Parker of Wellsville Ut. was appointed to Ripon with me. He seems to be a fine fellow. Elder Davis and I had tea and then took a turn at the Empire; as we seldom see a show here. Wet weather. Got home OK.

Thursday Dec 2, 1909. Otley
Elder Davis went to Keighley after dinner; so I went out tracting. It rained all the after noon. I put out my tracts tho, (300) sold 7 books. Pretty good. Had a good talk or two. Raining still.

Friday Dec 3. 1909. Otley
Was a rainy fore-noon; so I stayed at the lodge studying. Went up to the Recreation Hall and took a bath. Went thru the market

and studied after dinner. Elder Davis got back about tea-time. We had tea and took a walk. Was a cold clear night.

Elder Davis had to go to Sheffield and he wanted some one to go to Bradford to do some shopping for him; so he gave me the money to go. I called and got an over-coat and a suit. I arranged for his labels for his trunk and seen Scott about his photoes. I looked around town and then came back to Otley. I bade my friends all good bye there. Mother Goodair gave me a hearty invitation to come anytime, So did others. I have many good friends in Otley. I took the 6 P.M train for Ripon. Arrived OK. Found Elder Parker waiting for me. All the folks were well at the lodge. Good day.
Sunday Dec 5 – 1909. Ripon
Elder Parker and myself took several good walks during the day. It was just like a fall day. Clear as a silver bell. We had a champion meeting at night. Elder Fred Parker did fine for the first time. He is a good fellow and I know we will get along OK. We went to the lodge after meeting and sang our hymns songs etc. which is a factor for good.

Monday Dec. 6, 1909 Ripon
Arose early, that is, about 9 A.M. Were surprised to find it snowing. We studied all the fore-noon. It snowed all the fore-noon off and on. We took a walk in the after noon. I have had the tooth-ache for a week or so therefore I called on a dentist. He is going to fill my tooth it will cost me 7-6. It has been filled before and is decaying at the roots. He has got to treat the tooth etc. I hate to pay 7-6, but would rather do that than lose the tooth. I rained a little about 6 P.M. I hope it soon quits; as we want to get out tracting.

Tuesday Dec. 7, 1909. Ripon
Being a rainy morning, we stayed at the lodge studying. We took a walk after dinner. It was not a fit day for tracting. Fixed up my books etc. Wrote a card or two. At night we sang hymns. [“We study nearly every fore-noon.” written along the side margin]

Wednesday Dec. 8, 1909, Ripon
Went out tracting after dinner. Put out 300 tracts. Sold 4 bks. Several refused to take my tracts. They could certainly shoot it into you. You could hear them talking about the Mormons as they passed you. I tell you the term Mormon here is not the best of terms among these Riponites. Called on Sister Rumble for an hr. or so. Called on Sister Bulmer for a few hrs. at night, Has been an excellent day.

Thursday Dec. 9, 1909. Ripon
Went out tracting after dinner. Met the most indifferent bunch that I have met for a long time. They do not care for the Gospel. Met some good people tho, Put out 310 tracts. Had a few good talks. It rained soon after we got thru tracting. [“A little foggy, but not bad. I hope it keeps off.” written along the side margin]

Friday Dec 10, 1909, Ripon
Went out tracting after dinner. Met a Mr. Darwin and had a good talk with him. He did not know the scripture very well. We can beat them on
the scripture. Had several turn me down, but I do not care for that. God have mercy on them. Had one lady tear my tract up before my eyes. On a whole they are very indifferent. Had a good tea after tracting. Took a walk in the evening. Has been a cloudy day. It looked like it would storm all day, but it held off. We sang songs etc at night and studied. We study every fore-noon.

Saturday Dec. 11, 1909. Ripon,
Was a rainy day. We stayed at the lodge writing Xmas letters & studying. Took a walk or two. We certainly did some writing. I wrote a card to Elder Mellor, one to Elder Harter and one to Elder Davis, Met two fellows who promised to come to our meetings. Hope they do.

Sunday Dec 12. Ripon
Studied during the fore-noon. Took a walk in the evening, that is, after noon. Had a champion meeting at night. Had Ethel Storry out. We get one or two new ones now and then. Has been a cloudy warm day, just like fall. Has been 17 months to-day since I landed at Liverpool. Does not seem half that time.

Monday Dec 13, Ripon
Went down to the dentist and had a tooth filled, Cost me 7/-6. That is where the money goes. Took a bath at the ‘Spa Baths’. They were OK. Best bath I ever had for 6D. Went out tracting after dinner, that is, after dinner time. I just drank some hot milk as the dentist told me to be careful

about my tooth for several hrs. Put out 255 tracts had 1 First Invt. Sold 1 bk. Had a fairly good day tracting. Met some good people. Had one fellow turn me down proper tho. I tried to get him into a Gospel Conversation, but could not. He said, He would not talk with me. He knew better not to do so, as we have got the scripture on our side. Has been a damp day with a little mist. Went thru the cattle market. Saw them selling cattle. They bought from 12-0-0 to 30-0-0. Just think $100 for a cow or bull.

Tuesday Dec. 14, 1909, Ripon
We were late in getting up; so we just had a late break-fast and then folded our tracts. We studied a few hrs and then decided to put out our tracts.

Met several good people while tracting. One sees so many very poor that he really feels like he would help them if he had the means. Many are too poor to do much reading. Necessity compels them to work hard. He meets the very rich as well as the very poor. They are regular parasites on society. May Heaven be merciful to the rich that oppress
the poor. We get some turn downs and slurs, but we do not care. Spent the evening in studying and singing. Has been a cloudy day. Looks like rain.

Wednesday Dec. 15 – 1909 Ripon
Got up early and took a walk for a few blocks. Had breakfast. Studied for a few hrs. Went out tracting after dinner. Met several mean ones along with some good ones. Had a Minister tell me that he was sorry the Mormons had come back to Ripon. He thought we were a terrible people, but would not tell me any reasons. I told him this was the Gospel and tried to get him into an argument, but he would not talk to me. Went to Sister Bulmer’s for supper. Spent an enjoyable evening. Recd. a card from H. Moody the Ch. of Eng Organist at the Cathedral telling me if I called again he would kick me off the door-step. May God be merciful to all such. Has been a good day.

Went out tracting after dinner. In the fore-noon, we studied and went thru the market. It is a treat to go thru sometimes as there are auctioneers of all kinds. While out tracting I had a fellow tell me that he knew we sent girls out to Utah. He said he did not want me to let him catch me around his home. Well they get some queer ideas. I would not give my little girl at home for half of England. We do not want girls. The girls are all right, but we are not looking for girls. Showered a little in the evening. We stayed at the lodge singing etc. Several friends called.

Friday Dec. 17, 1909. Ripon
Arose about 8 A.M. Took a walk before breakfast. Studied nearly all day. Took several walks. It has been a wet old day. Stormed nearly all day. Hope it soon quits.

Saturday Dec 18, 1909, Ripon and Keighley –
Left Ripon at 1,46 P.M. for Keighley. Stopped at Harrogate for a few minutes. Bought a few cards. Stopped at Shipley that is, changed trains. Reached Keighley OK. Found Mrs Brown all right at the lodge. Had tea with them. Elder Watterson came back to the lodge and we went down to the hall. They were going to have a concert. We had a champion time, Stayed all night with the elders. Looks like snow or rain.

Sunday Dec. 19, 1909 – Keighley
When we arose about 8 A.M. we were surprised to find it snowing. It snowed all day on and off. Elder Watterson went to Ripon
to take my place for the day. Elder Bradshaw and I studied until Sunday school time. Had a good Sunday school. Elder Parry and Elder Hinckley were there with us. Elders Bradshaw and Hinckley went to Howarth to hold meeting there. Elder Parry and I went to Mr Southwell for tea. Had a champion tea. They have a fine home and know how to treat a fellow. I took charge of the meeting at night. We had a fine meeting, but few turned out only on account of the snow. Went to Mr Southwell’s and spent several hrs in singing etc. and Bade them good bye and went to the lodge with the elders for the night. Has been a cold snowy day. [“The heaviest snow storm for years. Was a general storm over Eng, Ireland, Scotland and Wales etc.” written along the side margin]

Monday Dec. 20, 1909  Keighley Bradford & Ripon
Left Keighley about 11 A.M. for Ripon. Went on to Bradford as there were no trains for several hrs. Met several fellows on the train and had a good talk with them on various subjects. Looked around Bradford for about 2 or 3 hrs till 3,20 P.M. Hundreds of men & carts were clearing away the snow. It costs them hundreds of £s (pounds) to get rid of the snow. Had a champion dinner. Looked thru the market and looked around town at the shop windows. Everybody is fixing up for Xmas. It snowed some little about noon. They say the snowstorm was a general one. It was cold as could be all day. I got the 3,20 P.M. train for Ripon OK. Reached there OK.

Found Elder Watterson there with Elder Parker. We talked over affairs until bed-time. Have had a nice trip to Keighley.

Tuesday Dec 21, 1909. Ripon
The shortest day in the year. We arose to find it a very cold wintry morning. (26º of frost reported last night. To-day the thermometer is 12º below freezing, that is, at 20º above zero. Very cold and damp. We took several good walks during the day. Looks just like home with a mantel of about 6 inches of snow. In the evening we sang songs and talked. We had an American stay at the lodge all night. He was a bigoted, crazy egotist. (All in self, He claims

to have gone around the world, but I doubt. Has been a cold day.

Wednesday Dec. 22, 1909  Ripon
We were rather late in getting up; as it was a cold morning. We were surprised to find it had snowed another 5 or 6 inches in the night. The snow is general, they say. Had a fine walk or two during the day. While walking down the street some snow slide off of the roof on to Elder Parker’s and my head. It knocked my hat off and buried it also my glasses, but did not break them. We had to laugh about it. Had a good Gospel con or two
at night with a lodger or so mother had. I could just wind them up on the bible. They did
not know it. Has been a much warmer day. (Thawing all day

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Quit foggy with a few showers

Thursday Dec 23. 1909  Ripon
We went through the market about noon. Well you talk about your ‘Grafters’ they were
there. Auctioneers of all kinds. We took several good walks. We studied and wrote
most of the day. Has been a warm day. Most of the snow has gone; due to the thaw. It
showered a little several times during the day. Xmas is coming soon.

Friday Dec. 24. 1909.  Ripon
Xmas Eve as we say at home. Did not sleep well all night. Took a walk before breakfast
also one after. We took several good walks around town. Was a clear day, Just like
Autumn. Wish I were home for Xmas. Have been

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broke for a week or so. Xmas Carols can be heard everywhere to-night.

Saturday Dec 25 – 1909.  Ripon
Xmas Day. Second away from home. Arose in good time. Read and took a good walk
before dinner. Recd. several letters from home with some extra Xmas money, also recd
$100 from 2nd Ward at home. God bless the good people of Nephi. We had a fine
chicken dinner with mother at the lodge. Took another walk after dinner and wrote a
letter home. Went to Mr Shaw’s for tea. Had a nice time there. We stayed rather late.
Has been a fine clear day. Suppose this will be my last Xmas away from home for a year
or so.

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Sunday Dec. 26. 1909  Ripon
Got up about 10 A.M. Felt rather tired all day; as I had eaten something that did not
agree with me. We took several good walks. Was just like a spring day. Had a good
meeting at night. Elder Parker did champion.

Monday Dec. 27. 1909.  Ripon
We studied during the forenoon. After dinner, we went to Leeds. Met Mr & Mrs Shaw
at the station. Stayed with them nearly all the after-noon and evening. We that is, Elder
Parker and myself went over to the Hall. Saw some of the elders and saints there. Spent
a few minutes talking. Walked around town. Was a wet after-noon. We went to the
Ceyton Café for tea. Elder Parker thot it was OK. Went to the Empire with Mr. & Mrs
Shaw at night. Was a fairly good turn. Got home about 12:30 A.M. Mother, Emily and Maria had also been. We were all very tired. Has been a wet old day.

Tuesday Dec 28, 1909, Ripon
Wrote home and studied in the fore-noon. Took a walk after dinner also a bath. We are letting the tracting go till after the 1st; as everybody are holidaying and we have plenty of 1st tracts out and it is too soon to go on to the same district again. We spent the evening at the lodge. Has been a fine day. [“Just like spring weather. Hope it keeps that way.”
written along the side margin]

Wednesday Dec. 29. 1909. Ripon
Elder Parker and myself called on Sister Bulmer. She being sick. We administered to her and left her some olive oil. She one of the best of the saints we have. May God bless her with her wanted health. She has an ulcerated stomach. We called on Sister Rumble. They are a queer family. No order about anything. She paid me the star bill and promised to attend to her meetings better than she had been doing. Mr Rumble called on us at night at the lodge. He says his wife and daughter make life miserable for him. Well I suppose there is 6 of one and ½ dozen of the other. May peace and love reign in their home. Good weather.

Thursday Dec. 30 - 1909 Ripon
Elder Parker went to Bradford about noon. I studied wrote letters and went thru the market etc. I took several walks, Elder Parker came back about 8 P.M. Has been a good day.

We studied during the fore-noon. Took a good walk out towards Borrowby. We spent the most of the day, tho studying. Went to a moving picture show at night. After we came to the lodge. Sister Rumble and Lillie came down and we had a good talk over their home affairs. They are not very good. We gave her some good advice relative to her home life. New Year’s Eve, but it does not seem like it. Has been an excellent day.

Saturday Jan 1 – 1910 – Ripon.
New Year’s Day. We arose early. I had a good walk before breakfast. I usually take a walk every morning before breakfast. We studied the greater part of the day. Walked out to Studley Royal in the after-noon. We saw several herds of deer and a great many pheasants. I tell you these old estates are beautiful. It seems a shame to
every think of breaking them up; yet the common people could use the land. Had several good Gos. Con. Miss Coward came in with Nora Bulmer and played the piano for us. She is a good player. Well it does not seem like New Years Day. Has been raining on and off all day.

Sunday Jan 2, 1910. Ripon
Was Fast Sunday. Elder Parker and myself fasted all day. We had a champion meeting at night, but there were few out. Has been a gloomy old day.

Monday Jan 3. 1910 Ripon
We went over to Shaw’s for tea. Had a champion tea and spent an enjoyable evening. Mrs Shaw is a good singer and player on the piano. We always have a nice time there. Was very dark when we left there. The darkest night I have seen in England. Has been a good day, but it looks like storm.

Tues Jan 4, 1910. Ripon
Had a very poor night. I could not go to sleep. I rolled and tossed for hours. It was sultry. Makes all the difference in the world. Maybe to night it will freeze you. I heard nearly every hr. strike up till 5 A.M. then I heard a fellow get up at 530 A.M; so you see I did not get much, but I went to sleep then and slept till about 10 A.M.

As there was a big wedding in town, we did not go out tracting. The people go crazy over weddings here. We took several walks, wrote some letters and studied. Has been just like a spring day at home. Little foggy at night.

Wednesday Jan. 5 - 1910 Ripon
Went out tracting after dinner. Met with fairly good success. Had a few turn downs tho. We sang at the lodge at night, that is, several came in and we all sang our hymns. Has been a little foggy.

Thursday Jan 6, 1910 Ripon
Went out tracting after dinner. Was quit foggy, but we got through OK. Met one or two good ones, but several mean ones. Most of the people are too indifferent. We stayed at the lodge during the evening after taking a walk.

Friday Jan 7. 1910 - Ripon
Arose early had breakfast and studied during the forenoon, also wrote a letter. Was foggy when I got up, but it cleared off. Went out tracting after dinner. Met with better success to-day than I have yet in Ripon. Had several good talks. Had two ladies enquire
where we hold our meetings. We stayed at the lodge at night. Miss Coward played the piano. Miss Spense also called in. We spent a nice evening singing our songs and hymns. Has been a little colder to-day.

Saturday Jan 8. 1910. Ripon
We studied during the fore-noon. After dinner, we went to Bradford on an excursion. 2-0-0 shillings. Elder Parker and I

gone up to Walter Scott’s while he had his photo taken. I left him there and took the car to the office. When I got to the office I found two new elders just arrived one from Payson and the other from St. George. They looked good to me, you bet. Elder Loveless from Payson had been in Nephi just lately. Elder Blake knew some I knew. I stayed there awhile and then left for town. Met Elder Parker at Scott’s. We walked thru the Market and got tea at Laycocks. Went to the Princess at night. “The Forty Thieves,” a pantomine. It was grand. The scenery etc could not be beaten. It rained good and hard at night. We tried the ‘Royal,’ but could not get in there. Took the 11 P.M train for home. Arrvd home about 12.40. Very tired.

We got up about 10 A.M. as we were tired. Had breakfast about 11 A.M then we did not have any thing till tea time. We called on Mrs Bulmer and found her still a little poorly. We told her to take good care of herself and showed her the necessity of not working too hard. We read or studied nearly all the day. We had a fairly good meeting at night, but it rained so hard that a few stayed away. We never do have over a doz. We Sang our hymns after meeting at the lodge.

Monday Jan 10, 1910. Ripon,
We studied till about 1130 or 12 A.M. then we went over to the Spa Baths to take a bath.

All the baths were being used except one, that is, not mineral water. Elder Parker took that one so I waited till after dinner. He locked himself in and we had to get the attendant to come to let him out. All the matter was he did not know how to use a, ‘Yale Lock.’ After dinner I took a bath. We folded about 450 tracts (double tracts); so we would be well prepared for the week. It stormed in the evening. A regular thunder storm. It lightinged very strong. I think we are having some very mild weather for January

Tuesday Jan. 11. 1910. Ripon
Did not sleep over 4 hrs last night. I could not go to sleep. They say one has a guilty conscience. Well I suppose that is partly true, but I thot of all the past and the future.
It snowed and rained nearly all day. We studied at the lodge and wrote letters. I wrote several letters home.

Wednesday Jan 12, 1910 Ripon
Eighteen months since I landed in England. It does not seem half that time unless I think back month by month. Was about 2 inches of slush in the roads, but we went out tracting after dinner. Met the coolest bunch I have met for a long time. Took a good long walk in the evening. Everybody is going bugs over the Coming General Election. Free Trade or Tariff Reform are the issues. Has been a cold day.

Thursday Jan, 13, 1910 Ripon.
Went out tracting after dinner.

By the way, in the fore-noon I went down to the Market to listen to some political talkers. There were three A Mr. Wood M.P. a Lord Hemolee and another fellow. They were Tories or Tariff Reform men. A great many Free Trade People were there and kept asking questions. They have some lively old time here in the Markets. Has been a good day. Met some good people while out tracting, but most are very cool.

Friday Jan, 14. 1910 Ripon
We studied, that is, Elder Parker and myself during the fore-noon. I wrote a letter or two. After dinner, we went out tracting. Got invited into one place. Had two or three good talks. It rained just as we were finishing tracting. It showered after tea, but we took a good walk. Fine warm weather for January.

Saturday Jan 15. 1910. Ripon
We studied the greater part of the day. Took several walks around town etc. We went for one out to Sharow Church. My but it did rain while we were returning. It rained good and hard about 6 to 9. We are having lots of rain, but not so much frost. They are looking for a big snow storm soon as one is reported coming this way.

Sunday Jan. 16. 1910 Ripon
We went to Sister Bulmer’s for dinner and tea. Had two champion meals. We had a fine meeting, but there were just a few out. Went to Mr Shaws after meeting. Had supper there. Spent a few hours talking etc. Has been a cold day, a litter showery. The river Ure is higher than it has been since 1883 they say. It is flooding the
fields all round the station.

Monday Jan 17, 1910. Ripon
Studied during the fore-noon. Went out tracting after dinner. Met with fine success. Had several good talks sold 3 books. Got one 1st Invt. I run on to a Mrs Richardson who was related to James Black of Nephi. Her name use to be Atkinson. John Atkinson was her father’s bro. Had a fine talk and got asked back. Took a walk in the evening. It rained good and hard.

Tuesday Jan 18, 1910 – Ripon
We tracted after dinner. Met with fairly good success. We were tracting a rich district. Went down to the Market Place at night to hear Miss Pankhurst the Suffraget. She is the best lady speaker I have ever heard. (over –

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Rest of Tues. from previous page. Jan 18. 1910. Miss Pankhurst was treated shamefully. I say the men of Ripon should know better to push and shove as they did and to interrupt her meeting. She just tried to show that women tax payers should be represented. and I say she was all right, May Heaven help her in her work. It has been a champion day just like spring summer, but it is a trifle colder. I stood in the Market place for 1 ¾ hours listening to Miss Pankhurst and never felt the cold any thing more than you would at home in October. General Election is on and everybody is crazy over it.