

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1898.

To Day I have been down to 1408 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South so my mail comes there I got a letter containing a money order from Chicago, also went and cashed my money order at the P.O. and they went and had a square meal it cost me 15¢ and also I bought me a meal ticket - it cost me \$2.00 for 21 meals and then I bought me a Telescope costing me 2<sup>15</sup> I went home and Elder Seamus and my self went to the Theatre again and enjoyed our selves very much after coming home three of us slept in one bed which was not very pleasant as the beds are very narrow any way so we did not sleep very good

Jan. 6, 1898.

Today I had a good Bath which improved my feelings Pres. Harrison told me to labor with Elder J. B. Anderson we went and had some dinner and then we went out - Tracting, one Lady Refused us to come in the house she said she knew who we were and for that Reason did not want us in her house but after all we had a good time visit after we was through visit I went to 615 and made arrangements with the Land Lady to sleep on the sofa a kind of a hard Bed but it Beets in a bed, we expect President Kelsch up here before long and I guess I will stay here until he comes up and see how we

Appointed for to labor for  
the summer we will then  
know how we are going to  
do this is about all for  
to day

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 1898.

To day we went up town  
and had dinner and  
then we went out tracting  
I and Bro Anderson who  
is now my Companion  
we visited 35 families to day  
and met some who seemed  
to be very friendly to us and  
then some of them dont like  
to see us at all Especially the  
Catholics they seem to be the  
worst to day after we were  
through tracting I went and  
got all of my books and  
packed them in my telescope  
which I bought for that purpose  
and I wrote a letter home  
and also I Rec one from

one of my nephews and  
he sent me a fine Muffler  
and I was very glad to get  
it as I needed one they  
had as it is quite cold  
weather here at present  
this is all for to day  
have been Reading some  
to night

Jan 8. 1898.

To day is Saturday and it  
is alway a bad day for tracting  
as every body is busy cleaning  
house on this day about 12 we  
went and had dinner and  
strolled around town all day  
I like living up here at 615 better  
than I did down at 1408 here  
it has better Accomodations and  
every thing seems to go on more  
Pleasant. had a call from Elders  
Harrison and Hanson we sat  
talking a while and then  
after that me and Bro

Peterson spent down town and went to the Theatre and I tell you it was very laughable indeed it was an Amature Contest for a Prize of \$5.00 and they did their best I and Ber Peterson set there and Laughed untill we couldnt stand it any longer so we left and went home and still kept Laughing O I tell you it was just the most fun I have in a long time well we went to bed tired from laughing

Jan 9. 1898.

After we got up out of Bed I Shaved and cleaned my self went up in Town and had Breakfast laid around all day Reading and writing some. These are the kind of days it makes a new Elder think of home

when there is nothing going on to occupy his mind a little but then when we consider what we come out here for. Our Trouble is nothing compare with our duty. I and another thing in our Favor it is nice weather everybod says it is the finest winter they have ever witnessed in the state of Minnesota, Minneapolis is quite a large Place, they claim the Population to be over 200,000 also St. Paul is only a few miles from here. and that is a large Place also. St Paul has a Population of 150,000 and the two Places together are called the Twin Cities St. Paul is down the River below Minneapolis. this is a great Grain Center of the North

Peterson of the North West  
where they handle hundreds  
of cars of wheat every day  
and it is also noted as  
having the largest-Flouring  
Mills in the world

Jan'y 10, 1898.

Today I and Bro Anderson  
went out Tracting and  
we had a very Pleasant  
visit with some of the  
People. After Returning we  
had dinner and in the  
evening we held a meeting  
of the Elders each bore  
his Testimony, and his  
Willingness to do his duty  
toward Spreading the  
Gospel. Some People want  
to see us out of Mere  
Curiosity and others dont  
want us to come near them  
while some invite us in  
and Treat us nice, and

Some Bang the door in  
our face and even call  
us names and shame us  
but we must not take  
any notice of this kind  
of treat-ment: as we  
must expect something like  
this when we Except a  
Mission to come in to the  
world to Preach the Gospel  
we must try to Conquer  
our selves before we can  
try to Conquer others

Jan'y 11, 1898.

Today we went out Tracting  
as usual, but did not meet  
with much success so we  
came home some what  
early as some of the Elders  
are going over the River to  
the University-Building to  
hear W. J. Bryan speak.  
but as I have heard him  
before I dont think I will go

I Rec 2 letters to day one  
was from John Richards my  
Foreman at-home he Reports  
the Sheep on the winter  
Range doing fine also  
the Sheep at-home are  
doing well so my Folks  
write to me, this is very  
Encouraging. news to one  
like me who has not  
been away from my own  
Business for 20 years but  
the Lord has Promised to Bless  
all who makes a sacrifice  
for his sake. the boys have  
Returned from hearing Dr. Bryan  
some of them say it was very  
good and some of them  
say it was not worth going  
to hear. they say there was  
a very large Attendance  
and the large Building was  
just filled as crony as it would  
hold some could not sit down

Jan. 12, 1898.

This Morning we were up and  
Ready to go to work  
when Bro Anderson come  
up from 1408 and he brought  
me a letter from L. J. Messer  
I was very Glad to hear from  
home after Reading my mail  
we went out Teaching visits  
some 27 Families, did  
not meet with very good  
Success after we come  
back I had a shave and  
then went up and had  
supper, and tonight we  
are all going to hold a  
Council meeting as we  
Expect our President - up  
from Chicago (L. A. Kelsch)  
to hold Conference here and  
we will have to get a  
hall or some place to hold  
our meetings in it will  
be about the 23 and 24.

of this month and then  
we expect to get our appoint-  
ment of companions for 4  
labor with until other Elders  
are sent out here.

Jan. 13. 1898.

We did not rise very early  
this morning while waiting  
for mail. I have been  
marking my Bible, at mail  
time, I got a letter from home  
which pleased me very much  
and after reading our mail  
we went and had dinner  
and then we went out  
Tracting. After visiting awhile  
we went through Loring Park  
It looks like a fine place in  
summer time there is a small  
lake in the center and the  
city keeps it clean in the  
winter, so people congregate  
on the ice they have big  
scrapers and teams and go over

the little lake and scrape  
all the snow off and men  
along the shore have shovels  
and throw it away back from  
the ice and pile it up, thus  
it makes a nice place for  
skating in the winter, one will  
see crowds of young people  
there in the evening, having  
lots of sport. After going through  
the park went away out by  
some of the heavy Elevators  
and thought we would try  
Tracting out there, nothing  
unusual happened to day so  
altogether it was an average  
Fair day.

Jan. 14. 1898.

To day it is storming some  
but we are going out Tracting  
anyhow we went before we had  
anything to eat so we labored  
till about 1 or 2 o'clock, we  
then came home and had

had some dinner, we had  
a good time to day. we  
sold one book to day and  
visited about 20 families  
this is a good average days  
work. After supper we sat  
and talked about home  
and friends and boyhood  
day, and exchanged histories  
so we knew each other better  
also we talked about visiting  
some of the places of interest  
some day when we can tract  
well we sat talking untill  
eleven o'clock which is very  
late bed time for us

Jan 15. 1898

Last night looked like it was  
going to storm but it is  
clear this morning and  
look like it will be a  
glorious day. but it is  
Saturday and we are not  
going out tracting to day

but just lay around and  
do nothing by particular  
we have had a good  
bath each, as we do each  
Saturday and also shave  
and clean up generally  
we went and had breakfo  
at 12 o'clock or some would  
say dinner but we only  
have 2 meals a day  
In the after noon we run  
all over town just to pass  
the time away such days as  
these are the times when we  
get lonesome or at least I  
do. but those Elders who have  
been out longer have used  
to that, and they dont pay  
no attention but with me  
it is differant - for I am  
used to being around home  
and having plenty to do and  
look after but I will get  
over that after while

January 16, 1898.

Well this is Sunday morning  
and we just-laid in bed  
as long as we could, as  
we are going to fast to-  
day. I and Bro Peterson  
walked around Town to  
pass the time away. in the  
After noon we Branded  
or marked a lot of our  
Tracts with the notice of  
our Conference next Sunday  
and then at 5 o'clock we  
went and had supper at  
the Restaurant also this after  
noon we had a Sacrament  
meeting the first one we have  
had. each bore his Testimony  
and all were pleased with  
the thought of having our  
President with us next  
Sunday we think after then  
we can get along a little  
better although we are

getting along all right now  
I also the weather is awful nice  
just now

January 17<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Today we are not going out  
Tracting. Bro Anderson  
and I went down Town and  
he bought him a new Bible  
for \$1.00 it was good for the  
Price we went home and  
I and Bro Clark and Bro  
Chadwick went out in  
Town to see where we could  
get some good Photographs  
we walked until we was  
tired and finally we went  
in to Mr Ruggs Gallery and  
had some taken Bro Clark  
had a dozen and I had one  
dozen taken they cost us  
one dollar each per doz.  
Well at night we are all  
at the same old Lodging house  
and talking of the same old