

with him. After we got to Selma we  
crossed the river on a Ferry boat and  
came back on the opposite side of the  
river. at this time of the year the  
rivers here are much higher than  
they are at any other time. caused  
flow the heavy rains at Ottumwa  
Some of the houses along the river have  
been flooded and the river has been  
up awful high all on account of  
the recent rains.

May 27, 1899.

Today is awful hot and it has been  
thundering just awful a few miles north  
of here. and I would not be surprised  
if there was some damage done.  
From here it looked awful black and  
there was some awful peals of thunder  
but now at 4 o'clock it is clear and  
fine that is the way the weathering  
here in Iowa.

May 28 1899

This morning is clear and fine but some clouds away in the west which means we might have rain any hour. For that is the way with this country well now at evening it is just lovely with a pleasant breeze blowing from the south - but O it has been warm to day there is not much to write every thing about as usual.

May 29 1899

To day also has been hot and sultry with a small shower I received a card to day from my Companion he will now be here then we are going to Illinois to hold street meetings I will not write much to day every thing is dull nothing goes to write about - good night. (Stark)

May 30 1899

To day is Decoration day and all of the People are out to Decorate the graves of their friends who have gone before them to a better world. All of the different Churches in Eldon joined together last Sunday and held a Joint-Memorial Service. I asked one of the Rev. Men of the Congregational Church if I could have the use of his Church to hold meeting in and the poor man stood and trembled and shook like a leaf but told me no they did not care to have our morning doctrine taught in his Church I had quite a talk with him but he refused to take one of our tracts so I let him go and went home. He spoke anti-Baptism but said it was not necessary and went on to say we could all enter in to heaven through belief in Jesus alone even the man

who sacrificed our Saviour would be  
taken up to heaven and even the man  
that pierced his side with a spear  
would go to heaven he was afraid  
I would breach a better Doctrine  
that is the reason he would not  
let me have the house.

May 31, 1899

Well to day it's fine and clear but  
it is hot at 10 o'clock I went up  
to the Depot and met my companion  
when he got the train he was glad to  
meet me as well as me to meet him  
we went to Mr Goders and I introduced  
him to the folks and being we were  
up late the night before we all went  
to bed early It was pleasant and  
Cool

June 1st 1899

To day I have packed all of my  
things in my grips so I am ready to

go to night to Ottumwa where we  
are going to labor. so at six o'clock  
we bid the folks good bye and took  
our guns and away we went -  
after a short ride we arrived  
in Ottumwa got off the train went  
and found a place to stop all night  
but we did not like the people  
very much and we would not  
stay with them although they knew  
who we were they just coaxed us  
to stop and lodge with them but  
we did not like the way things looked  
so we took our departure and after  
trying a good many places we finally  
engaged a room from a lady by  
the name of Armstrong, she is  
a lady of about 60 years old never was  
married and of course is now a old  
maid she has about 10 or 12 cats and  
sits around trying to take care of them

Should one of them happen to be sick.  
She will give them medicine and doctor  
them and she acts real belly over her  
cats she is a Medium in belief and  
seems to be pretty well read and  
educated, well we engaged rooms at  
6<sup>00</sup> per month, in the afternoon we  
removed our things from the Depot up  
to our room our no. is 227 1/4<sup>th</sup> west  
it looks like we will have a good place  
here to labor in

Ottawa June 2, 1899

Well to day we have been looking  
around the city to see where we  
can get a chance to hold meetings  
on the street we were out tonight  
we found the Salvation Army and  
the Volunteer Army are just opposite  
the other they were both trying hard  
to out do each other and got all names  
of each other I ever heard, any man

with sound sense could see if there is  
a god in heaven. how could he be  
the Author of all of them where they are  
trying to tear each other down we have  
decided to hold our meetings just before  
the others to day has been awful hot  
also the nights are so hot we can hardly  
sleep

June 3. 1899.

A bright and glorious morning after  
we awoke and had breakfast we have  
been in the house all day reading the  
bible and rehearsing some of our  
hymns so we can sing to night - it  
has been very hot all day but not so  
bad in the evening at 7:30 we  
stepped out on the street and sang  
3 hymns and had a few words of  
Prayer. and then I took my old bible  
and stood out and talked to them  
and before the meeting was through

we had hundreds of people to listen  
to us we went home rejoicing in  
our selves. for such a good meeting  
we had and thanking the Lord in  
our heart for the Privilege now  
commences our labors on the street

June 4 1899.

To day is Sunday we went and  
had breakfast the town seems  
very dull. nothing going on in  
the afternoon we went to a Baseball  
game just to see what kind of a  
crowd there was hundreds there of  
all classes including the mayor  
when they were about  $\frac{2}{3}$  through.  
A storm came up a very hard one  
too. it rained and blew so hard it  
scared the crowd. and as soon as it  
the storm was well over we came  
home. did not hold meeting to night

June, 5 1899

We have spent the day as usual reading and singing to prepare ourselves for to hold meeting well at 7:30 we stepped out on the street and again had a fine crowd even larger than our first one. We could hear people all through the crowd say that is good speaking and good doctrine and when we gave out our tracts the people just crowded around and grabbed them out of each others hands. Again we went home rejoicing and praising god that we had a good meeting.

June 6 1899

To day has been hot as usual but we have not been out of the house all day but are prepared to hold meeting. but as we went down the street we met a man who had

Shown him self to be friendly to us  
And as we stood talking up comes  
A minister and sticks in his gab  
And we had a long debate with  
him we asked to be excused 3 or 4  
times so we could go and hold a  
meeting but he never had sense  
enough to excuse him self so just  
at that point a Josephite came in  
and he joined in against us but  
I give them the worst of the argument  
and we lost the chance of having a  
Meeting so we went home again  
having the satisfaction of knowing  
we had defended the truth and asked  
the minister for his church to hold  
Meeting but no, he could not do  
that. I invited him to come to my  
room or let me visit him and I  
told him I would take up the matter  
with him any time no he did not like to