

I told him in Plain words he was ^{afraid} wrong
and he knew he was not teaching the
doctrine of Jesus Christ.

June 7, 1898.

This is a fine day. We are going to
the Depot to see My Cousin leave
on the train she is going away on
a visit to Ill. to see her sister
Well we went up at noon and
saw the folks go in the afternoon
we prepared our selves for our Meeting
in the evening at which time we
had a fine crowd and they listened
very attentively and it look like we
are going to get an opening here
although I can see lots of the people
cant they only to hear what we
have to say but that is what will
condem them all we went home
rejoicing we had such a fine time

June 8 1899

As usual we have been reading all day and preparing our selves for to hold Meeting to night - we practice singing as that is our only Means of calling the People to gather for our meeting at 7:30 we went on the Street and held a fine Meeting and the Crowd increases every night - and the Volunteers and Salvations Armies, have lost all their Crowd and now we may soon look for the Devil to turn loose we went home feeling Splendid in our Success of holding Street Meetings we give away from 40 to 50 tracts every night - That we got a letter today from Elder Anderson and he and his Companion will join us in about one week. Then it will not be so hard for us for singing and speaking ever night - is hard on our voice

June 9, 1899.

Friday, the day has passed off as usual the most excitement in the Mormons preaching on the street and in yesterdays paper there was a piece come out in the leading newspapers the Ottumwa Press. They sent one of their reporters to tell us the Press was open for us to make a reply to any thing that came out against us so to day we have answered the questions the item came out like this, Mormons answer these questions, and then went on and asked a long string of questions and we made a brief answer to each one separate and we answered them in good style too. my Companion thought they were hard but they were not hard enough was the only fault I found with them enough today held meeting to night.

Saturday June 10. 1899

To day is a very busy day in town
our answer came out in Pless. to those
questions asked and I am just delid
with them I think they are very appropriate
answers. the rest of the day has been
spent in study now at 7:30 P. M.
we were out on the street and held a
splendid Meeting I spoke and Occupied
all the time after we were through
there was a man asked me if I
believed in the Doctrine that Brigham Young
taught I said yes. Well he jumped up
on the street and began going on like a
Crazy man and for all the abuse we
ever received at his hands he talked
about 10 or 12. Minutes and he was so
Exhausted he could not talk any longer
and asked me to debate. I refused
and told him it done no good and
I stood up and listened to all his dr

Abuse and I heard lots of People say the
Mormon Acto like a Man he stands
right up and takes it like a Man
he must think lots of his religion
We debated with some of the members
of the reorganized gang and came to
find out they sent to Lamoni and
got one of their best men in their
Church to come and do what they
did and as the man spoke they
kept saying Amen, Amen. there was
about 25 members of their Church here
with them we went home not feeling
very good, however after our own
Meeting we gave out something like
55 tracts

June, 11, 1899.

To day is Sunday but we are not
going to any of their Meetings I know
now how and trouble came there was
a Minister debating with us and he could

not hold his own he and one of the Josephites sent for this man to come up and treat us the way he did. The Minister himself was afraid so he got a dirtier devil than himself to come and do his dirty work.

This afternoon we went to Edna Jones and spent a few hours very pleasant and had ice cream and quite a sociable little time we did not try to hold a meeting in the evening although the prospects were good.

June 12, 1899.

Monday. It always seems like Monday is the dullest day in the week. However we have prepared ourselves to hold meeting but it is so hot it all most scorches one. So at 7:00 our meeting time we went down on the street but it was so hot there was nobody out on the streets scarcely so we

Came home and put up our boots
and went back down on the street
we met several gentlemen who told us
they were waiting to hear us preach
I told them we would be out sure to
Morrow night - so we must sure try
and Make our word good I thought
is so hot it seems like one can hardly
get their breathe we talked a long
time on the street - and then went
home.

June 13 1899.

Tuesday It has been awful hot all day
in the morning paper I see there was
a terrible cyclone passed through the
upper part of Iowa killing some people
and in Minn. the paper stated there
was 200 killed at one place well to
night we are sure going to hold a meeting
if the Lord is willing and we can get the
chance so I will have to wait to finish

to days record and see if we hold
a Meeting. yes we had a meeting and
a very large People we very pleased to
hear us. It is very hot to night
This is all for to day

June 14 1899.

This is a very hot day we have
been making all readiness for going
out on the street to night we had a
nice meeting and every thing went
of nicely but very much to write

June 15 1899.

To night we did not hold a meeting
there seemed not to be much of
a crowd on the street so we went
to hear the Volunteer Army who are
holding meetings on the opposite side
of the street from us. I heard them
abusing the negroes every way
they could think of but I want to
say it will do them no good to try

to stop the work of god and any
man had better beware lest he fight
against god

June 16 1899

To day we went to the Post-Office and
got 6 letters from two other Elders
who are coming here to help us
in our street we went and met them
at the depot they were glad to meet us
we went to our room and waited
untill dinner time and then we
had dinner and went and found
a room where they could lodge and
at 7:30 we went in the street and
held one of the best meetings we
had and after we were through
the Devil attacked us in the form of
a man by the name of J. S. Smith
a member of the reorganized church
he abused us awful for a while

and then he challenged us to debate
and after we stood his abuse along
as we could. I stepped out and
asked him to state to the audience
the conditions on which he wished
to debate. After some time in
Argument - we agreed to debate and
fixed the time to meet and make
all necessary arrangements tomorrow
morning at 10 o'clock A.M. so now
we will either beat them in a debate
fair and square, or we will go down
with our flag nailed to the mast -
we will not for sake the Lord nor
his ways but now we have the chance
of meeting the Champion of 52. debates
in a discussion with full faith in
the Lord that will come out all right
we will make all honorable arrange-
-ments for our debate in Ottumwa.