Mission Journal of John Kasper Loosle

October 1885 – April 1887

Written by himself in first person

Transcribed into standard English sentences

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I left Clarkston, Utah on October 12, 1885 to go on my mission to Switzerland. I went to the Historian’s Office in Salt Lake City where I was set apart to go to Switzerland, German speaking.

I left Salt Lake City on October 14, 1885 with other missionaries and arrived in New York on October 18th at 11 PM. I arrived in Liverpool England October 30th at 2:30. I left Liverpool the 31st. I arrived in Grimsby England in the evening. We went by ship to cross the North Sea. I arrived in Antwerp Belgium at 7 AM on November 1st. I left Antwerp November 2nd and arrived in Strachbourg France November 3 at 11:30. I left Strachbourg at 1 o’clock on November 3 and arrived in Basel Switzerland the same day at 4 pm. I left Basel November 4 at 10 AM and arrived in Bern Switzerland the same day at 2:30.

We went directly to the Office no. 36 Postgassen [lane] and received my instructions from President Schonfeld to labor in Central Switzerland. He gave me permission to visit my brother(s) and friends first. I left Bern on November 5th and went to Biel to visit my brother [Andreas Loosli]. I stayed six days. I met with the Saints in Biel on Sunday afternoon. I visited Sister Zulauf twice and others. I went to Bern again on November 12th. On the 13th I went to Gutenburg and to Frederich Aeba’s and stayed 2 days. I visited two other families and bore testimony to them. From Gutesburg, I walked down to Bennanbach to visit Christian Fluckiger. On the 19th I walked down to Waltregan to Mr. Schar’s and stayed overnight. On November 20th I walked up to Upper Waltregan to Andreas Kaiser’s and stayed overnight. On the 21st I walked up to Knubal to Ulrich Fluckliger’s and stayed two days. From there I walked over to Loh to Kasper Schmit’s and stayed overnight. On the 25th I walked to Zubali to see Grabe (person). I ate dinner there. I walked down to Eriswil to John Adams’ house and stayed overnight. On the 26th I walked to some houses and tried to find someone to listen. I walked back to Mr. Adams’ place and stayed overnight. I walked to Hans Ulrich’s (Johann Ulrich Bier - brother-in-law) and stayed overnight. The 28th I walked to Ruthemat to Frederich Puffe’s. In the evening Mr. Puffe & I walked over to Zaugg’s house and back. On the 29th I walked to Ruthemat to Frederich Wachmaker’s house and stayed two days.

December 1st I walked to Mr. John Ulrich in Frauhegen. I stayed two days. Then on the 3rd I walked to John Zaugg’s in Eschlag Wasachengraben and stayed two days. On December 6th I walked to Baselburg and stayed ¾ of an hour. From there I walked to Knubel and stayed one day. On the 8th I walked down to Huttwil and bore testimony to two families on the way. On the 9th I walked up to Loh to Kasper Schmit and stayed two days. On the 11th I walked to Naulegen to visit widow Loosle and stayed one day. The 13th I walked to Loh to Kasper Schmit and stayed one day. On the 16th I walked to Schwandi to John Ulrich Loosle. I stayed overnight. On the 17th I walked to Mr. Daniel Loosle. I had a meeting in Schwandi. On the 19th of December I walked to widow Loosle’s and stayed overnight there. On the 20th I walked to Mr. Kasper Schmit in Wessachengraben and stayed there one day. On December 21st I walked to widow Loosle’s and stayed overnight. In the morning I walked down to Ulrich Loosle’s. I stayed one hour. On December 22nd I walked to Joseph Barnet’s place in Lahadden, Kerchgamaenda Ufhuson, Lucerne County. From there I walked to Gerstook to Kasper’s and stayed there overnight. On December 23rd I walked to Lahadden to Joseph Barnet’s and stayed overnight. On December 24th I walked to Haimegen to John Heneger’s. From there I walked to Knubel, (Durrenroth) to Ulrich Fluckiger’s and stayed overnight. On December 24th I walked to Burgdorf and then went by rail to Bern. I stayed there overnight. On the 26th I went by rail to Burgdorf and from there to Biberist, Solothurn County to see Ulrich Moser and stayed overnight. Here I met Elder Gottfrey Fuhrimann [seems to be a missionary companion] at 2 pm and we held a meeting at Moser’s. I spoke about 30 minutes. Brother Fuhrimann spoke about 35 minutes. Brother Moser spoke and then the meeting closed. We spent the evening at Moser’s then went to Ramsier’s and stayed overnight. On the 28th from Gellefengen, we went to Moser’s place in Biberist. Then we walked to Herzogenbuchsee to John Fuhrimann’s and stayed overnight. On the 29th from there we went to Ober Onz and stayed a short time. Then we went to Emmenholz. On December 30th we went to Solothurn to Mr. Struss’s. In the evening we went to Wenger’s place where we stayed overnight. On the 31st we went to Biberist to see Mr. Kaufman and then to Moser’s place. We visited Sister Wern and then to Luterach’s place. Next we went to Mr. Hertig’s in Zuchwil. From there we walked to Emmenholz to Christian von Alman’s where we stayed overnight.

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January 1st I spent the morning writing and the afternoon also. Mr. Struss came in the evening. Mr. Moser and Mr. Kaufman spent the evening together until 10. January 2nd we spent the day with Mr. von Alman. On the 3rd I walked over to Biberist to Mr. Moser’s where we had a teacher’s meeting. I spoke about 20 minutes. At 2 PM we had a meeting. I spoke about 30 minutes. In the evening I walked over to Sister Ramsier’s where I stayed overnight. On the 4th I walked down to Brother Moser’s place. From there I walked over to Subingin. From there I went by rail to Morgenthal where I met Brother Fuhrimann. From there we walked over to Fulenbach to visit Sister Abbi. Then we went to Neiderwil (two hours walk). We met Brother Blass on the road. After that we went to Hofer’s and spent the remainder of the afternoon. There we slept at Brother Hofer’s place. January 5th we visited Brother Muller’s family. He was not at home. Next we visited Hotteger’s and stayed overnight. Two of his children were sick, and we administered to them. On the 6th from Oftringen we walked to Olten. We took the train to Leufelfengen then we walked to Liestal and visited Mr. Gass. It was a very pleasant day. We slept in a hotel. On the 7th it was snowing. We spent the afternoon with Mr. Gass. It was very stormy so we went by rail to Basel. Mr. Gass had some business to do. We went to Brother Arnold’s in Yslaen Basel where we stayed overnight. On the 8th we went to visit Blatter’s and then to Brother Zeller’s. Next we went to Heregraben where we bore testimony to a woman. From there we went to visit Brother Henzi’s at Hagenheimer Strasse [street] No. 39. In the evening we went to Blatter’s where we stayed overnight. On the 9th we went to Arnold’s place and stayed a little while. Then we went to Mr. Zeller’s and to visit a sister, staying there a little while. Then we went to Blatter’s where we stayed overnight. We had a meeting at Henzi’s on the 10th at 2 pm. I spoke about 35 minutes. Brother Fuhrimann spoke about 30 minutes. Meeting was dismissed. In the evening we went back to Brother Blatter’s where we stayed overnight. On the 11th we left Basel and walked to Laufen. From there we went by train to Soyhieres. From there we went to Delsburg to Mr. Frederich Burchart’s. In the evening we stayed at a hotel. On the 12th we walked over to Brother Burchart’s where we ate breakfast and stayed a little while. Then we walked over to Samuel Soom’s place where we stayed about three hours and had dinner. From there we walked to Rudolf Bart’s. He was not at home. We stayed with Sister Bart about 2 ½ hours. Then we walked back to Frederich Burchart’s where we held a meeting in the evening. It was opened by prayer by Brother Burchart. I spoke about 35 minutes. Brother Fuhrimann spoke about 25 minutes – then meeting was dismissed by Brother Burchart. We walked to the hotel to stay overnight. On the 13th in the morning we walked over to Brother Burchart where we ate breakfast. Then we walked to Samuel Soom’s place. We stayed there a little while and then walked over the Wissenstein Mountain to Solothurn which is a journey of 21 miles. We stayed in Solothurn with Brother Struss 2 ½ hours; then we ate supper. From Brother Struss’s we went to Biberist to Bro. Ulrich Moser’s a journey of 3 miles. From there we went to Gellenfengen to Sister Ramsier’s where we stayed overnight. On the 14th we walked down to Bro. Ulrich Moser’s in Biberist and stayed about 4 hours. We ate dinner. From there we walked down to Solothurn to Bro. Struss’s where we ate supper and stayed until Bro. Struss came home about 8 PM. Then we walked to Emmenholz to Brother Christian von Alman’s where we stayed three days. The 17th we walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and held a meeting at 2 PM. The meeting opened by singing and the prayer was said by Edward Bochar. There was singing again, and the Sacrament was administered by Brother Fuhrimann. There was more singing then Brother Fuhrimann spoke about 20 minutes bearing testimony to the work of God. Next I spoke for about 30 minutes. Next we blessed two children; then the meeting was dismissed by John Struss. We stayed and ate supper there. We walked from Bro. Moser’s to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 18th we walked to Biberist to Anton Kaufman’s place. From there we went to Brother Ulrich Moser’s and stayed there a little while. Then we went to Sister Wern’s and stayed about 2 hours. Then we went to Mr. Luterbach’s and stayed a little while. Then we went to Bro. Ulrich Moser’s and ate supper. We walked to Gellenfengen where we stayed overnight. On the 20th after breakfast, I wrote a letter to Providence Utah. From Gellenfengen we went to Mr. Neaderhous’s and Lartby Laurnbarger’s and stayed there about 2 ½ hours. We ate dinner there; then we went to Carnenesad to visit widow Meir where we stayed overnight. On the 21st we went to Guttesburg to Brother Aebe’s and stayed overnight. After dinner on the 22nd we walked to Affoltern to Mr. Ulrich Christian’s where we stayed overnight. On the 23rd we walked down to Durrenroth, and then we parted. Brother Fuhrimann went to Knubel, and I went to Heneger’s where I met Brother John Kropf. We stayed overnight. On the 23rd we left John Heneger’s and walked to Vorberg, Kesselchan-graben were we ate dinner and stayed until 4 PM. Then I walked over to Knubel Durrenroth to Ulrich Fluckiger’s where I met Brother Fuhrimann and stayed overnight twice there. The 25th Brother Fuhrimann and I walked over to Gessan to John Kaiser’s where we stayed overnight the 26th. We left John and walked to Upper Waltregan to Andrew Kaiser’s and stayed about two hours. Then we went to Knubel to Ulrich Fluckigar’s where we stayed overnight. On the 27th in the afternoon we went to Melheur Kaiser’s and stayed overnight. On the 28th we left Mr. Melheor Kaiser’s and Brother Fuhrimann’s and walked to Ursenbach and Huttwil. I walked down to Weltregen where I visited a family. From there I went to Bosesburg, Durrenroth where I visited another family and ate dinner. From there I went to Huttwil and stayed there about two hours and also met Brother Fuhrimann. We went to Knubel to Ulrich Fluckiger’s and stayed overnight. On the 28th I left Knubel to go to Gellenfengen and stayed overnight. Brother Fuhrimann left for Lucern to stay overnight. After breakfast on the 30th I walked down to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. After dinner I went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. In the evening I walked up to Emmenholz to Christian von Alman’s where I stayed overnight. On the 31st I left von Alman’s and walked to Derandenon. From there I went to train to Morgenthal. From Morgenthal, I walked to Neiderwil and Gfell [Gellenfengen] to Traugott Hofer’s where we had a meeting. Meeting opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Miller. We sang again and the Sacrament was administered by Trougott Hofer. I spoke for about one hour. More singing, then the meeting was dismissed by Trougott Hofer. I enjoyed a pleasant evening with both Hofer families and more of the Saints. Then I stayed overnight at Hofer’s.

On February 1st I stayed with Brother Trougott Hofer because it rained all day. I stayed again overnight. On the 2nd I went to Samuel Muller’s. From there I went to a sick Sister, Elisa. I stayed with her until evening. From there I went to Gfell to Brother Trougott Hofer’s where I met Brother Fuhrimann. We stayed overnight with Hofer’s. On the 3rd we went to Schaflen to widow Brunner’s and stayed about 3 hours. After dinner we walked to Brother Jakob Heitz’s in Scheftlen where we stayed overnight. After dinner on the 4th we walked to Oftringen to Mr. Frederich Hoteger’s where I stayed overnight. Brother Fuhrimann walked up to Brother Hofer’s to stay overnight.

On the 5th we went to Olten where we unexpectedly met Elder Sumer. He was on the road to Germany. We all three went by rail to Liestal to Mr. Gass’s place, then stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 6th we went by rail to Basel to Brother Blatter’s. Brother Somer and I stayed overnight. Brother Fuhrimann stayed with Brother Henzi. On the 7th (Sunday) we could not have a meeting because some had to work and some were sick. We spent the day with Brother Henze. We stayed in a hotel overnight. The 8th we walked from Basel to Delsberg, about 27 miles to visit Brother Frederich Burchart and stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 9th we walked to Bro. Burchart’s. After breakfast we visited Brother Samuel Soom. After dinner we walked to Courcoux to see Brother Rudolf Bart. After supper we went back again to Brother Frederich Burchart’s where we had a meeting in the evening. Meeting was opened by prayer by Brother Bert. I spoke about 40 minutes. Elder Fuhrimann spoke about 20 minutes. Meeting was dismissed by Brother Frederich Burkhart. After that we went to the hotel to stay overnight. On the 10th in the morning we walked to Brother Burchart’s where we had breakfast. From there we went to Brother Some’s to bid him goodbye. Then we went to Solothurn, a distance of about 24 miles where the road goes over a high mountain named Wissenstein. On the road we visited a man named Schwezer. We ate dinner with him. After that we continued our journey over the mountain to Solothurn. We arrived about 7 o’clock. We stayed with Brother Struss one hour and 20 minutes. We ate supper there. Then we went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s. We met Brother Hochstrasser there. We stayed overnight with Brother von Alman again. On the 12th I walked to Solothurn to buy things I needed. So I visited Brother Struss and his family again. After dinner I walked to Biberist to Ulrich Moser’s, where I met Brother Fuhrimann and Brother Hochstrasser. They walked to Mr. Loterbach’s and returned again to Mr. Moser’s. After supper Brother Hochstrasser and I walked up to Gellenfengan to Sister Ramsier’s to stay overnight. On the 13th we walked again to Biberist to Ulrich Moser’s. After dinner we walked down to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s where we stayed until 5. After that we walked up to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s where we stayed overnight. On the 14th, Sunday, we held a meeting at Brother von Alman’s. The meeting opening by singing and the prayer was by Brother Moser. More singing and then the Sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. More singing and then Brother Fuhrimann rose and spoke about 30 minutes. Brother Hochstrasser spoke about 10 minutes. I spoke about 35 minutes. Brother Moser spoke about 15 minutes. Meeting was dismissed (prayer given) by Brother Kaufman. We stayed overnight at Brother von Alman’s. On the 15th we stayed all day and again overnight. On the 16th Bro. Fuhrimann and Brother Hochstrasser went to Niederwil, and after dinner I went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s in the evening. I walked up to Brother Moser’s to Biberist and stayed there a few minutes. Then I went to Gellenfengen to Sister Ramsier’s to stay overnight. I went back to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed about one half hour. Then I went to Solothurn to Bro. Struss’s. After dinner I left Bro. Struss’s to go to Biel to visit my brother. I arrived in the evening and stayed overnight. The 17th I visited Sister Zulouf and met Brother Haderle. I stayed overnight with my brother again. On the 18th I visited Sister Zulauf again and another family of Saints. I stayed again with my brother. On the 19th I walked to Kapalln to Arberg to Brother Rudolf Gigi’s where I stayed overnight. They begged me to stay and hold a meeting with them on Sunday. So I made up my mind to stay over Sunday. On the 21st we held a meeting in the evening because Brother Rudolf Gigi had to go to Biel to get this father. We held the meeting at 7:30. It was opened by singing and the prayer was by me. Singing again, then Brother Rudolf Gigi spoke about 10 minutes. After, I spoke about 55 minutes. Singing, then prayer was given by Brother Rudolf Gigi. They sang a few more verses then we had our evening prayer. We returned to Biel. On the 22 after dinner, I left Brother Rudolf Gigi and started to go to Bern. I arrived in Bern at 6. I stayed overnight. On the 23rd I went to Zuzwell to Mr. Nicklous Eberhard’s. I stayed overnight there. On the 24th I went to Gutesberg to John Aebe’s and stayed overnight there. On the 25th I went from house to house to distribute tracts and bear testimony to the people. But most of the people don’t want to hear or receive the glad tidings. Then I walked to Upper Waltregen to Andro [Andreas] Kaiser’s. I stayed there a little while and then went to Mosle to an agency person (or acquaintance) but they did not receive me as a servant of God. So I left that same night to go to Knubel to stay with Ulrich Fluckiger overnight. On the 26th after dinner I walked over to Waltregen and stayed one hour. Then I went back to Knubel and stayed overnight. On Feb 27th I went to Bosesberg and then to Mr. Jacob Heslebacher’s and stayed overnight. On the 28th I went to Mr. Hans Ulrich’s after dinner and stayed with him three days.

On March the 4th I went back to Knubel to Ulrich Fluckiger’s and stayed two days. On the 6th I left Knubel to go to Biberist to Brother Ulrich Moser’s and stayed overnight. On the 7th, Sunday, at 2 pm we held a meeting. It opened with singing and the prayer was by Brother Moser. There was more singing. Then the sacrament was administered by President Ulrich Moser. Then the meeting was turned over to the member for testimonies. The members stood up and bore their testimonies to the work of God. After that President Moser arose and spoke about 15 minutes. Then I spoke about 20 minutes. Then Brother Fuhrimann spoke 10 minutes. Then the meeting was closed by singing and prayer by Brother Bucher. In the evening I and Brother Fuhrimann went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 8th I went to Solothurn to Bro. Struss’s and stayed until evening. After that I walked down to Brother von Alman’s. I stayed overnight. On the 9th I walked to Solothurn for some business. Then I visited the Struss Family. I stayed until evening. After that I walked down to Emmenholz to Brother Christian von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 10th I stayed all day and again one more day. On the 11th Brother Fuhrimann and I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed about one hour. Then we walked to Biberist to Brother Ulrich Moser’s and stayed for dinner. After that we walked to Gellenfengen to Sister Ramsier’s and stayed overnight. On the 12th we walked down to Brother Moser’s and stayed until after dinner. Then we walked to Sister Wern’s and stayed about 2 1/2 hours. From there we went to Mr. Loterbach’s and stayed about two hours, until 6. From there we went to Brother Anton Kaufman’s and stayed about one hour. From there we walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Ahman’s where we stayed overnight. On the 13th after dinner Bro. Fuhrimann went to Neiderwil and I walked to Biberest to Brother Moser’s in the evening. I went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 14th, a Sunday, we had a meeting at 2. It was opened by singing and then the prayer was by President Moser. More singing, then the sacrament was administered by Brother Bucher. More singing, then I spoke about 45 minutes. Brother Moser spoke about 10 minutes. Meeting closed by singing and the prayer was by Brother Bucher. I stayed overnight with Brother von Alman. On the 15th after dinner I went to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. On the 16th I left and went to Delsberg, to Brother Struss’s and stayed over for dinner. Then I left and went on the road to Delsberg. I stayed one hour at a house and spoke with a man about the Gospel and gave him something to read. After that I continued on my journey and arrived in Delsberg at 1:30 at Brother Burchart’s. He was not at home, and I stayed a few minutes. Then I went to a hotel to stay overnight. On the 17th I walked to Sister Burchart’s. After that I went to Bro. Soom’s. Mary Soom was sick; so I stayed all day with the sick child. She wanted me to stay with her. She said she always felt better and not so much pain when I stayed by her bed. She was better in the evening and about 7:30 I went to the hotel to stay overnight. On the 18th I went to Sister Burchart’s to eat breakfast. Then I walked to Brother Soom’s to see the sick child. I administered to her again and stayed until after dinner. She was better. After that I walked to Sister Bart’s and stayed there two hours. Then I stopped to see the sick child again and she was quite a little better. About 10, I went to the hotel. On the 19th I went to Sister Burchart’s for breakfast and after that left to go to Basel. On the way I bore my testimony to two people and arrived in Basel at 1 at Brother Joseph Henze’s place. After supper I walked to Little Basel to Brother Blatter’s to stay overnight. On the 20th I stayed with Blatters until after dinner. I spent the morning writing. I went to Joseph Henze’s and stayed until 6:30. Then I walked over to Little Basel to Brother Arnold’s. From there I walked to Sister Blatter’s to stay overnight. On the 21st, Sunday, I stayed with Blatters until after dinner. Brother Fuhrimann arrived Saturday and was there on Sunday. We could not have a meeting because Brother Fuhrimann was there and some had feelings against him. In the afternoon I walked to Basel to Joseph Henze’s. In the evening I walked over to Little Basel to Brother Blatter’s to stay overnight. On the 22nd I walked to Brother Joseph Henze’s, and then I walked around to spread the gospel. I walked to Kleinhonegen in the afternoon. I walked to Heregrebanweg to visit a family and stayed there one hour and preached to them the gospel. I gave them something to read. Then I went to Brother Joseph Henze’s in Basel and then to the hotel which was called the “Rade Ox” to stay overnight. On the 23rd I walked to Brother Henze’s, and after dinner I went on the road to Leastal to Mr. Gass’s. On the way I went by Muttanz to visit a family but no one was home. I continued and arrived in Leastal at 5:30 to Mr. Gass’s and stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 24th I stayed until after dinner with Mr. Gass. After I went to Olten and then to Oftrengen to Brother Hotheger’s and arrived at 8. I stayed overnight with him. On the 25th I went to Schaftland to Brother Jakob Heizt’s. On the way, I went to some houses to bear testimony and give them something to read. I arrived in Schaftland at Brother Joseph Heitz’s at 12. I stayed with Brother Heitz in the afternoon and overnight. On the 26th I left and went to a widow in Schafland’s and bore my testimony to them. From there I went to Neiderwil to Brother Muller’s. He was not home. On the way I gave some tracts to some of the people. I stayed with Mr. Muller 1 ½ hours. Then I walked to Gfell to Brother Traugott Hofer’s and stayed overnight. On the 27th I stayed all day at the Hofer’s and again overnight. On Sunday the 28th at 12:30 Sunday School began. I spoke about 10 minutes to the children. The next meeting opened at 2 with singing and the prayer was by Brother Muller. More singing and then the Sacrament was administered by Brother Hofer and Brother Muller. Afterwards I spoke for one hour. Then Brother Hofer spoke about 8 minutes. The meeting closed with singing and prayer by Brother Hofer. On the 27th I went to Jakob Hofer’s and stayed until after dinner. Then I went to Houlzle to a sick sister, Louisa Regger. Then I went to Brother Muller and stayed about 3 hours. After that, I walked to Oftrengen to Brother Hotteger’s and stayed overnight. On the 30th after dinner I left there and went to Fulenbach to Sister Aebe’s, stayed 3 hours, and preached to her the Gospel. From there I went to Morgenthal to a hotel to stay overnight. On the 31st I went to Herzogenboche to Mr. John Fuhrimann’s and stayed one hour. Then I went to Biberist and Solothurn area to Brother Ulrich Moser’s and stayed overnight.

On April 1st I stayed with Brother Moser until noon. After dinner I left and went to Solothurn to Mr. Neffeler’s, an old acquaintance, but he was not home. I spoke to his wife about the Gospel but she didn’t like it. So I left and went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed about 2 hours. Then I went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 2nd I stayed with Brother von Alman all day and spent my time in writing. I stayed again. On the 3rd after dinner, I walked up to Solothurn to an old acquaintance and gave them something to read and bore testimony to them. After that I walked down to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. I stayed about 3 hours. Then I walked over to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed overnight with him. On the 4th, Sunday afternoon, the service began at 2. The meeting opened by singing and the prayer was by Brother Moser. More singing and the Sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. More singing and the meeting was given to the congregation for testimonies. The members stood up and bore their testimonies. President Moser rose and spoke for 10 minutes. Then I spoke for 15 minutes. The meeting closed with singing and a prayer by Brother Kaufman. Then I and Brother Fuhrimann walked down to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. From there we walked to Emmenholz to Brother Christian von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 5th I stayed all day there and spent the day in writing. I stayed overnight again. On the 6th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed two hours. Then I went on my journey to Affoltern.

Trial

May the 8th, I was arrested in Gfell near Neiderwil by an officer during Sunday School and brought down to the President of that place. He insulted me and treated me very bad with words. He said we ought to fetch the butcher to butcher us, and many other bad words.

In a few weeks the Hand of the Lord came over him and he was struck with a sickness, one side of his body was dead.

He then made a written complaint against me. I was transferred by the marshal to Zofengen about 4 miles distant. There they put me in prison, and the next day I was called for examination. I was locked up for two days. May the 12th Brother Hoteger and Brother Traugot Hofer were called for witnesses. On May 13th I was called again to answer some questions. After that I was removed into the other prison House where the rest of the prisoners were. I had a lone room and that is the way they kept the prisoners in that country. They kept me 17 days. After that I was called for trial (about May 26th) and the sentence was 100 Franks or, if I could not pay, 25 days imprisonment. They gave me 14 days to make up my mind – whether I would acknowledge that sentence or appeal to a higher court. At first I made up my mind to receive the sentence and go to prison. But President (president of the mission) Schonfeld wrote me a letter that he had talked with the President of the higher court; and he told him that if we took it before the higher court, that I would get out from the sentence and fine from the first court. So we said that we would appeal to a higher court. So the other court decided they could not banish from the Canton (county), but with the rest they did not do anything and sent me back to Zofengen again. I received a writ to appear again before the Court in Zofengen, and then they more than doubled the fine and brought it up to 300 Franks or 75 days in prison. So they gave me time again (16 days) to consider the matter. President Schonfeld said that we will take it again before a Higher Court. Then the lawyer gave us to understand that it would be better for me to leave because he believed that it would not come out good. So I was released on that account to go home. I left the court room and walked over to Gfell to Brother Hofer and arrived at 12. They received me very kind. I was astonished to see that some of the saints had almost a harder time than myself.

“I felt very good in my pane [pain] so much so that I was astonest [astonished] the Lord Blest me, so that the time past quek [quick] by and I felt so good lake [like] I was in meeting.

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the [they] capt [kept] everthing that I, hade [had] with me - my wach [watch], my mone [money], nife [knife], 2 Tow [two] pogitbook [pocketbook] lettel [little] locking [looking] glass my peper [paper]”

After dinner I left Brother Hofer’s and walked to Harzogenbouchee. I took the train to Solothurn and then went to Bro. Struss’s. After supper I walked down to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed until May the 24th. Then I walked to Bern and stayed overnight. On May 30th I walked to Biel to see my brother. I stayed there all week and visited the Saints. I spent some time in writing.

June 6th I went to a meeting in Biel. The meeting opened with singing and prayer. After singing again, the Sacrament was administered by the President of the Branch. After more singing, I was called to address the Saints. I spoke for about 45 minutes. Then Brother Vaterlaus spoke for 25 minutes. Then after more singing, the meeting ended with prayer. In the evening I walked down to Sister Bautter’s where some of the Saints gathered to sing. After that, I walked back to my brother’s to stay overnight. June 7th after dinner, I left my brother’s to go to Solothurn and arrived at Brother Struss’s at 7 in the evening. From Brother Struss’s I walked down to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed two days. On the 9th I walked to Bern and stayed overnight. On the 10th I walked with Brother Vaterlaus and visited Brother Gigi. After supper we walked to Biel, and I stayed overnight with my brother. On the 11th I stayed with my brother all day. I spent the time in writing. On the 12th I walked from Biel to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed overnight. On the 13th at 2 in the afternoon a meeting began with singing, and the prayer was by Brother Moser. More singing and then the Sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. After more singing, I spoke for about 55 minutes. Brother Moser spoke 25 minutes. Then we sang, and the prayer was given by Brother Bucher. We administered to Sister Barloma. After supper I walked over to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight plus two days. I spent the time in writing. On the 16th I walked up to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed all day. I spent the time writing. After supper I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight three days until Sunday. I spent the time in writing. I helped them get their hay in. On the 20th I went to Biberist to Brother Moser’s where we held a meeting. It opened at 2 by singing, and the prayer was by Brother Moser. After more singing, the Sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. We sang again. Bro. Buchart spoke for about 15 minutes. Bro. Moser spoke 20 minutes. I spoke about 40 minutes. We sang and the meeting was closed with prayer by Brother Moser. After, we administered to Elisabet Moser and to Sister Wern. After supper I walked over to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed all week. I helped them with haying because I was counseled not to go around. I had not got my papers [and/or permission]. On the 27th I walked to Brother Moser’s in Biberist where we held a meeting. It opened at 2 by singing. I gave the prayer. More singing then the Sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. After more singing, Brother G. Fuhrimann spoke 20 minutes. I spoke about 35 minutes, and Bro. Moser spoke about 20 minutes. We sang and the meeting ended with prayer by Brother Moser. After that we administered to one of Brother Moser’s children. After supper I walked with Bro. Fuhrimann to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s.

July 3rd I baptized Fredrich Schepbach. July the 4th I confirmed him in the meeting in Biberist.

On the 4th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s place where we held a meeting. It opened at 2 by singing. The prayer was by Brother Moser. More singing, then the Sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. He spoke a few minutes and gave the meeting into the hand of the congregation to bear their testimonies. They all bore testimony to the work of God. After that, Brother Moser spoke about 15 minutes. I spoke about 20 minutes. More singing and then the meeting brought to a close by prayer by Brother Bucher. After that I walked with Brother Struss and Brother Croff to Solothurn. After supper, I walked down to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 5th after dinner I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed about 40 minutes. Then I walked to Bern and stayed overnight. On the 6th Brother Schonfeld and I walked over to the lawyer Moseman to follow up from the sentence. On the 7th we went to the lawyer again. After dinner, I left Bern to go to Biel. I stayed overnight with my brother. On the 8th in the morning I visited some of the Saints. In the afternoon I left Biel to go to Emmenholz to von Alman’s and stayed one day. On the 9th after dinner I walked to Biberist and stayed a few minutes. Then I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. After supper I walked with Brother Croff to Langendorf to Mr. Wenger and stayed overnight. On the 10th I left Langendorf and went to Delsberg. I arrived in Geruse at 4 at Brother Bart’s. I stayed one hour. After that I walked down to Delsberg to Brother Some’s. After supper I walked to a hotel to stay overnight. On the 11th I walked to Brother Burchart’s and at 2 the meeting opened with prayer by Brother Buchart. The Sacrament was administered by him also. I spoke for one hour and 15 minutes. Brother Burchart spoke about 10 minutes. Meeting was dismissed by him. After supper I walked with Brother Bart to Geruse and stayed overnight. July the 12th I walked back to Delsberg to Brother Some’s. I stayed about one hour. After that I went to Longendorf, Solothurn County. I arrived in Lengendorf at Mr. Kenger’s at 5. I stayed overnight. On the 13th I walked down to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 14th about 10 I left von Alman’s and walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. I stayed until after dinner then I left to go to Guttesberg to Frederich Aebe’s. On the road I walked to some houses to bear testimony to them of the work of God and give them something to read. I arrived in Guttesberg at 5. July 15th I left Mr. Frederich Aebe’s and went to Affoltern to Ulrich Christian’s. On the way I went to some houses to bear my testimony of the work of the Lord and of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ and gave them tracts to read. I stayed overnight. On the 16th in the morning I spent the time in writing and also part of the afternoon. On the 17th I left Affoltern to go to Guttesberg. On the way I went to some houses to bear my testimony of the work of God and of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ and gave them something to read. But not all would take anything. They will go the common road. They think themselves saved to go to Heaven. O what a great mistake they make.

“Blassed [Blessed] be the name of the Lord that he has blast [blessed] me with the light of the gospel”

I arrived in Guttesberg at noon. I stayed one hour then left to go to Wenegen. I bore my testimony to one man and gave him something to read. From there I went to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed a few minutes. Then I went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. From there I went to Emmenholz to Bro. von Alman’s and stayed overnight. Sunday the 18th some saints and I went to Biel to a big meeting for a pleasure trip. Some from Bern and other places came also. Brother Schonfeld, the President of Switzerland and Germany mission was also there at the meeting. It started at 2 with singing. Prayer was by the president of the Branch. We sang. The Sacrament was administered by the Presidents of the Branch of Biel and the Branch of Biberist. Brother Vaterlaus spoke a few minutes. Brother Schonfeld rose and occupied the whole time. After that I consecrated the oil. After the singing, the prayer was by Elder Hochstrasser. After that we walked a little around the town. At 6 we took the train and then walked home. I went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed. Then I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s to see about my shoes for I had seen the shoemaker but did not get the shoes until in the morning. After that, I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s. On the 20th I walked to Solothurn to get my shoes and stayed a few minutes at Brother Struss’s. Then I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed a few minutes. Then I walked to Mr. Lutterbach to teach him and his wife the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After supper I went to Brother Moser’s to stay overnight. On the 21st I got up early to visit Sister Yorcle because she works in the factory. From there I went to visit Sister Wern and stayed about 2 hours. From there I walked to Brother Kaufman’s and stayed 2 hours. Then I walked to Brother Moser’s. At 2:30 I left and went to Knubel and arrived at 8. I stayed overnight. On the 22nd I spent the time writing. On the 23rd I left Knubel to spread the Holy Gospel. About noon I came to Grannen to some of my relations. It was the first time I was there. I had a long talk with them about the Holy Gospel, about 5 hours. Then they wanted me to go with them to a sectarian preacher where we held a meeting. I went to see the fellow and to have a talk with him about the Gospel. His name was Crank. And he was a crank (disagreeable). He was about as black as the devil himself. The man that was with me told him that he wanted me to come to him so he could hear some differences - but none else about the Gospel. I told him that I wish to talk with him, but he said that he had no time. I took my Bible out and told him that we believed all that is in the Bible. I wrote some passages to him and he commenced to look very mean about the Mormons and told me I was a false preacher. I told him that he was a false preacher. I told him that I had proved my preaching to him out of the Testaments and if he had antipathy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to prove it from the Testaments. From there I went to Forberg to Mr. Ruch’s and from there to Frauhegen to Mr. John Ulrich’s. I stayed overnight. On the 24th I went to Coranta, then to Zubele to Mr. Graub’s. From there I went to some houses to bear testimony of the work of God and give them some pamphlets to read. Then I walked over to Loh. In the afternoon I spent the time in writing. July 30th I left Loh and walked over to Frauhegen to Mr. Ulrich’s and stayed about 1 ½ hours. From there I went to Knubel to Ulrich Fluckiger’s and then to Biberist. From there I went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 31st I walked to Delsberg and arrived at Brother Some’s at 5. After supper I went to the hotel to stay overnight.

August 1st I walked to Brother Buchart’s. A meeting opened at 2 by prayer by Brother Bart. The Sacrament was administered to by Brother Burchart. After that he spoke about 5 minutes. I spoke about 45 minutes. Brother Buchart spoke again about 7 minutes and bore a fervent testimony of the work of God. Brother Some bore his testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sister Burchart bore her testimony. After that I blessed the little child of Burchart’s. The meeting was dismissed by Brother Burchart. After a little, we administered to Brother Pole Buchart. After supper I walked to a hotel to stay overnight. On the 2nd I walked to Brother Burchart’s and stayed until 11. Then I left to go to Guru to Brother Bart’s and stayed until evening. Then I went to Delsberg to Brother Some’s and stayed overnight there. I stayed all day and helped him with cooper work. On the 4th I left Delsberg to go to Basel and arrived at 7. I stayed overnight. On the 5th I stayed all day with Brother Henze. On the 6th I walked a little around the City and walked over to Little Basel to Brother Blatter’s and stayed overnight. On the 7th in the morning I spent the time writing. In the afternoon I walked around the city and bore my testimony of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. I gave some pamphlets to some people to read. At 5:30 I walked to Brother Arnold’s to visit him. After that I walked to Great Basel to Brother Henze’s and stayed overnight. On the 8th about 9 o’clock I walked to Little Basel to Brother Blatter’s and did teach them the Gospel after dinner. I walked to Great Basel to Bro. Henze’s and stayed overnight. On the 9th I left Basel to go to Delsberg and arrived at 5. I stayed until after supper. Then I walked with Brother Some to his home and stayed overnight. On the10th I stayed with Brother Some. Brother Bart came. I talked with them all day about the Gospel. In the morning I walked to Brother Burchart’s to bid them goodbye and then went back to Brother Some’s. After that I went to Solothurn and arrived at Brother Struss’s at 5. After supper I bid them goodbye and went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 12th I stayed with Brother von Alman until the afternoon. Then I walked over to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. I stayed until after supper; then Brother Gottrrey Fuhrimann came. After that we walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 13th we spent the time writing. After dinner Brother Gottfrey went to Biberist, and I spent the time in writing. On the 14th in the morning I spent the time writing. After dinner I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. After supper I walked to Emmenholz to von Alman’s and stayed overnight. About 12 o’clock Brother Gottfrey Fuhrimann came. On the 15th we walked up to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. We stayed about 40 minutes. Then I went with Brother Fuhrimann to the depot and he took the train to Harzogenbuche. He was released from his mission. I went on the road to Brother Struss’s. After dinner we walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s place. We held a meeting which opened at 2 with singing and prayer by myself. Then more singing and I administered the Sacrament. After that I spoke about 55 minutes. Brother Struss spoke about 8 minutes. Brother Kaufman spoke about 10 minutes. Then singing and the meeting was dismissed by Brother Kaufman. After that Brother Struss, Brother Kropp and I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. After supper I walked down to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 16th I spent some time in writing. Then I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed until evening. I baptized two of his children: Franz Struss and Anna Struss. Then I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 17th I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and confirmed Anna Struss. Franz Struss was not at home. Then I went to Biberist to visit Brother Moser. I stayed until after dinner. Then I went to Karnaread. On the way, I went to some houses to bear my testimony to the Work of God. It rained most of the day. I arrived in Karnared at 6:30 in the evening at Ms. Maria Moher Fuhrimann’s. I stayed overnight. On the 18th I stayed all day because it rained. I spent some time in writing. On the 19th I left Ms. Fuhrimann and walked to Burgdorf. Then I walked to Hamiswil and walked around to bear testimony to the people of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. But I was astonished about the darkness of the people. Only two places would take tracts for them to read. From there I walked to Waltregen to Andre Kaiser’s - to some of my relations. I stayed there about 50 minutes, and then I went to Knubel to Ulrich Fluckiger’s to my Aunt’s and stayed overnight. On the 20th I stayed with Fluckigers and spent the time in writing. On the 21st I left and walked from one house to another to bear my testimony of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people and give them some tracts to read. But most of the people would not take anything. It is a very dark and wicked world indeed. On the 22nd I was ready to leave Fluckiger’s but they wanted me to stay because they had a big dinner that day. They got all their grain in; and the people here have a fashion to have a big dinner when the grain is in. So I ate, and it lasted until afternoon. I also had wine to drink. You may think that I didn’t do right to drink wine. I don’t think that is was anything out of the way. I did not do anything bad and neither did the other people. This family lives a good moral life. On the 23rd I left Fluckiger’s and walked from house to house to bear my testimony of the Kingdom of God and to give them tracts to read. But very few took the tracts. They want to go to the Kingdom of God their own way. No one can go in to the Kingdom of God - only by being born of the water and the Spirit through Him. They have ordained me to officiate in the Lord’s Name. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Amen.

In the evening I walked back to Knubel and stayed overnight at Fluckiger’s. On the 24th in the morning, I spent the time writing. After dinner I left Knubel and walked from house to house to bear my testimony of the work of God to the people and not many would hear. Very few took tracts to read. Many are called, but few are chosen. In the evening I walked to Fluckiger’s in Knubel and stayed overnight. On the 25th I walked to Walterswil and to Ursebach to bear my testimony to the people and give them something to read. Very few would take tracts. On the 26th I walked to Huttwil from there to Loh by Wessechengraben to Mr. Kasper Smith’s and stayed overnight. On the 27th after dinner, I left Mr. Kasper Smith’s and walked to Schonbrunner and then to Durrenroth. From there I went to Knubel to Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 28th I left there and went to Huttwil; then I walked to Lehetulen to Ufhusen in Luzern County and stayed overnight. On the 29th I stayed all day. On the 30th I left Lehelden (Mr. Joseph Barnet’s) and walked to Ufhusen and then to Gumeswil. Then I walked to Riseswil and to Blaibach. From there I went to Rohrbach and then to Knubel. I bore my testimony of the Kingdom of God to some people through the day and tried to give them something to read. Most of the people would not take anything. I stayed overnight with Bro. Fluckiger’s – it was late when I arrived. On the 31st I stayed there and spent the time in writing.

September 1st I left and walked to Grabenwil and had quite a talk with them about the Gospel and plural wives. From there I went through Robachgraben to bear my testimony of the Work of God. From there I went through Rohrbach to Huttwil – out of the woods. I stayed overnight in the woods. It was warm weather. On Sept. 2nd I walked to Techtaberg to bear my testimony of the work of God. From there I walked to Habera Bade and then to Ousel. From Ousel I walked along Rohrbach Almend Street. In one house, the people and some neighbors asked me about polygamy. They asked how they can get along with more than one wife. Some laugh about it. Some said that it was bad. I did talk a little about it. Then they thought it was not so bad. Then I went to Knubel to Bro. Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 3rd I spent the morning writing. After dinner I walked to Huttwil then to Loh Dessachengraben to Mr. Smith’s. On the 4th I walked to Schonag to bear my testimony to the people. But few did hear me. Very few are chosen. Many are called. From there I walked to Gutesberg to Mr. Frederich Aebe’s to stay overnight. On the 5th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s where we held our branch meeting. It opened at 2 with singing and prayer by Brother Moser. More singing and the Sacrament was administered by him. More singing and he spoke a few words then gave the meeting into the hands of the congregation to bear testimony to the work of God. After Brother Moser spoke, I spoke a few minutes. After singing, the meeting was dismissed by Brother Bucher. After that we held a Priesthood meeting. It opened by prayer by Brother Kaufman. The clerk read the reports and after that I spoke a few words. Brother Moser spoke. I spoke a few words again. Brother von Alman spoke. Brother Moser and I spoke again (a few words). The meeting was dismissed by Brother von Alman. After supper I walked over to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 6th in the morning I spent time writing. On the 7th I walked to Terendengen to Brother Herteg’s who was sick. He was very glad to see me. He was downcast about the brethren not visiting him. In the evening I walked to Emmenholz and stayed overnight with Brother von Alman. On the 8th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. Then I went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and then walked to Biel to stay overnight with my brother. On the 9th I spent the morning writing. After dinner I left Biel and walked to visit a family. I hunted a place to stay overnight but could not find a private house. I went to a hotel. On the 10th I walked to Kapalar to Bro. Gigi (not in my conference/district) and to visit a family. Then I walked to Biel and stayed overnight with my brother. On the 11th I walked from Biel to Delsberg - a distance of 32 miles. I stayed over Sunday and held two meetings. The first one opened at 2 with prayer by Brother Bart. Sacrament was administered by Brother Burchart. Then he spoke a few minutes. Then I spoke 50 minutes. After that Brother Burchart spoke a few words then the meeting was dismissed by him. In the evening we held another meeting. It opened by prayer by Brother Burchart. Then Brother Bart spoke about 20 minutes. Then Brother Some spoke about 10 minutes. I spoke about 20 minutes. Then Brother Burchart spoke and the meeting was dismissed with prayer by him. On the 12th I stayed with Brother Some and spent the time in writing. On the 14th I walked from Delsberg to Basel, about 25 miles. I stayed overnight with Henze’s. On the 15th I spent the time in writing. On the 16th I walked to Alswil and bore testimony of the work of God to some people and went back to Basel again. I stayed overnight with Brother Henze. On the 17th I spent the time reading and writing. On the 18th I walked around to bear testimony of the work of God and visit Brother Arnold and stayed overnight. On the 19th I held a meeting at Brother Henze’s. It opened at 2 by prayer by myself. I administered the Sacrament. Then I spoke one hour and ten minutes. The meeting was dismissed by prayer by myself. On the 20th I spent the time writing and reading. On the 21st I walked around to bear my testimony of the work of God to people. On the 22nd I walked around a little to bear testimony of the work of God to the people. On the 23rd I walked up to Leastad to Mr. Gass’s and visited another family. I stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 24th I left and walked to Stretalen to visit a family there. Then I walked to Basel and stayed overnight with Brother Joseph Henze. On the 26th I held a meeting at Henze’s in the evening. It opened at 7:30 by prayer by myself. I spoke about one hour then the meeting was dismissed by prayer by myself. On the 27th I left and walked to Delsberg and stayed overnight with Brother Some. On the 28th in the morning I spent the time in writing. After dinner I walked to Guru to visit Brother Bart’s family. After supper I walked back again to Delsberg to Brother Some’s and unexpectedly met Brother Neaf. We stayed with Brother Some overnight. On the 29th we walked to Brother Burchart’s and stayed about one hour. Then we walked back to Brother Some’s. Then we went to Solothurn, and I went to Longendorf to stay overnight with Mr. Winger. Brother Neaf went to Emmenholz to stay with Brother von Alman. On the 30th I walked down to Brother Struss’s and stayed till in the afternoon. Then I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s in the evening. I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. I stayed a few minutes and then went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight.

On October 1st I spent the time writing. On the 2nd I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed until after dinner. I left to go to Biberist, but first I went to Brother Kaufman’s and found him and his wife in good spirits. Then I went to Sister Wern’s. Mr. Wern was also home because he was not well. Sister Wern was in good spirits. Mr. Wern was very friendly and told me to stay overnight. On Sunday the 3rd I walked to Brother Moser’s where we held a meeting which opened at 2. We sang, and then the prayer was by Brother Moser. We sang, then Sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. More singing and then Brother Moser spoke a few words and gave the meeting to the congregation for testimonies. Most of the Saints bore their testimony of the work of God on the earth. Then Brother Moser spoke about 15 minutes. I spoke about 15 minutes. We sang; then the meeting was dismissed by Brother Bucher. After that we held a priesthood meeting. It opened by prayer by Brother Moser. The report was read by Brother Bucher. Bro. Moser spoke a few words. I spoke for a while and gave them instruction. Brother Moser spoke a few minutes more, and then the meeting was dismissed by Brother Kaufman. After supper I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 4th I left and walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. They felt downcast about their son Arnold who had died through an accident. I tried to cheer them up after dinner. I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed about 15 minutes. Then I walked to Hernaread to widow Mary Fuhrimann’s and stayed overnight. I explained the first principle of the Gospel to her and the other family in the house. On the 5th I left and walked to Neiderhous to Mr. Bartloma Lauanberger’s and stayed two hours. From there I went to Knubel Durrenroth to Ulrich Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 6th I spent the time in writing. On the 7th I walked around to bear testimony of the Kingdom of God and gave out something to read. Not many took them. On the 8th I left Knubel and walked to Aeschachen by Langnau to Brother Nicklaus Agle’s. There I met three other Elders: Brother Neaf, Brother Tauer, and Brother Stucke. We ate dinner there, and then Brother Tauer and Brother Neaf left to go to Bern. I and Brother Stucke walked down to Brother Brachbuchel’s to visit him. He was not at home. But the girls came home at evening from the factory work. So we spent the time chatting together. We sang. We stayed overnight. On the 9th we walked to Rothenbul to Mr. Jacob Schwezer’s. In the evening we held a meeting. It opened with prayer by Brother Stucke. I spoke for one hour and 15 minutes on the first principle of the Gospel. All the people did listen. Brother Stucke spoke about 20 minutes then the meeting was dismissed by myself. After this the people stayed a little while longer. We stayed overnight at Schwezer’s. On the 10th we walked to Aeschachen to Brother Nicklaus Agle’s to hold a meeting which opened at 2. We sang and then the prayer was given by Brother Agle. We sang again. The Sacrament was administered by Brother Agle and Brother Stucke. After singing, I spoke about 45 minutes. Bro. Stucke spoke about 20 minutes. Then Brother Agle spoke about 10 minutes. Meeting was dismissed after singing by myself. In the evening Bro. Stucke baptized one and I confirmed her. We stayed overnight with Brother Agle. On the 11th I left Brother Agle’s and went to Affoltern to Mr. Ulrich Christian’s. On the way I bore my testimony to some people and at one house gave them something to read. I stayed overnight with Mr. Ulrich Christian. On the 12th I walked around to bear my testimony of the Kingdom of God and walked to Knubel to Sister Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 13th I stayed all day because it rained and I helped with some fruit. On the 14th I stayed until afternoon because it rained. Then I walked to Schmedegen to Mr. Fuhrimann’s and stayed there about one hour and a half. Then I walked back to Knubel to stay overnight. On the 15th I walked to Affoltern and then to Guttesberg. From there I went to Biberist and stayed overnight. On the 16th I left and went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed till 11:30. Then I went to Delsberg. I arrived about 7 and stayed overnight with Brother Some. On Sunday the 17th I stayed with him until after dinner. Then I and Brother Samuel Some walked to Brother Frederich Buchart’s where we held a meeting. When we got there, Elder Jacob Neaf was there, and the meeting opened at 2 with singing. Prayer was by Brother Burchart. The Sacrament was administered by him. Then he spoke a few minutes. Brother Neaf spoke about 40 minutes. I spoke about 35 minutes. Brother Burchart spoke a few minutes then the meeting was dismissed by Frederick Burchart. We stayed with Brother Burchart for supper. Brother Samuel Some came again, and we had a chat together over the Gospel. After that we walked with Brother Some to his place to stay overnight. On the 18th I spent the time in writing and so did Brother Neaf. In the evening we held a meeting with Brother Rudolf Bart. It opened at 7:30 by prayer by Brother Frederich Burchart. Brother Rudolf Bart spoke about 15 minutes. I spoke about 35 minutes. Brother Jacob Neaf spoke about 25 minutes. Brother F. Burchart rose and spoke about 15 minutes. Then the meeting was dismissed by him. We walked down with Brother Samuel Some to Delsberg to his place to stay overnight. On the 19th we left Delsberg and went to Basel. We arrived at 6:30 at Brother Joseph Henze’s where we stayed overnight. On the 20th we visited some members and some strangers. On the 21st we walked to Leastal, Basel Landschaft to Mr. Henry Gass’s. We stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 22nd Brother Neaf left for Neiderwil, and I left for Basel. I went through Stratalen and bore my testimony of the Kingdom of God to some people and gave them something to read. I arrived in Basel at 5 and stayed overnight with Brother Joseph Henze. On the 23rd I spent the time in visiting the members and in writing. I stayed at Brother Joseph Henze’s again. On Sunday the 24th we had no regular meeting because some had to work. But in the evening I did teach and explained to them the Gospel. I stayed overnight with Brother Joseph Henze. On the 25th I spent the morning in writing and reading. In the afternoon I walked around to bear testimony of the Kingdom of God and to give them something to read. On the 27th I walked from Basel to Delsberg. On the way I bore testimony to some and gave them something to read. I arrived in Delsberg at 6:30 at Brother Frederich Burchart’s and stayed them until 9:20. Then I walked to Brother Samuel Some’s to stay overnight. On the 28th I walked over to Brother Frederich Burchart’s and stayed all day. I tried to do them some good by teaching them something in the Bible. In the evening I walked over to Brother Some’s to stay overnight. On the 29th I left Delsberg and went to Solothurn. I arrived at Brother Struss’s at 6. I stayed until 8. Then I went to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s. On the 30th I stayed with Brother von Alman and spent the time in writing. On the 31st I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s where we held a meeting which opened at 2 by singing. The prayer was by Brother Moser. The sacrament was administered by Brother Kaufman. We sang. Brother Moser spoke about 30 minutes. I spoke about 35 minutes. Brother Moser spoke a few minutes then we sang; and meeting was dismissed by prayer by Brother Kaufman.

On November 1st I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. I worked with them most all day trying to make them feel well. They felt bad about their son Arnold who had died in an accident. I left them feeling better. In the evening I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed a few minutes. Then I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 2nd I left and went to Biel to my brother’s. I arrived at 5. I stayed there overnight. On the 3rd I walked around Biel to visit the Saints, and they all received me gladly. I left them feeling well and walked back to my Brother Andro (Andreas) Loosle to stay overnight. On the 4th I spent the time in writing in the morning. After dinner I left Biel and went to Lengendorf to Mr. Croop’s and arrived at 6:30 in the evening. They received me good; and after supper I taught them from the New Testament. They did listen. We had prayer and went to bed. On the 5th I left Longendorf and went to Solothurn – I met Brother Struss on the road. So I talked with him. After that I went to Biberist to Brother Moser and stayed until after dinner. Then I went to Bern. I arrived at 7:30. I met also Elder F. Tauer and stayed overnight in Bern. On the 6th in the morning Brother Schonfeld and I walked to the lawyer’s to see after the decision of the Court. But the lawyer himself was not at home; so we had to go again at 4. Then we found him at home. But the decision was not very favorable. On the 7th, Sunday, I stayed in Bern. Sunday School opened at 10 by singing. Prayer was by the superintendent. We sang. Classes began. President Schonfeld taught a Bible class about prayer. We sang; then the meeting was dismissed by prayer by myself. After that, the Priesthood meeting opened by prayer by Brother Tauer. Then the teachers gave the report. Brother Tauer spoke for a few minutes. Then Bro. Munch spoke. Then Brother Schonfeld spoke. Meeting was dismissed by prayer by myself. In the afternoon the meeting opened at 2. We sang. Prayer was by Brother Tauer. We sang. The Sacrament was administered. We sang. The meeting was given over to testimonies. Most all rose and bore their testimonies. Brother Hansl spoke. Brother Schonfeld spoke. We sang. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by myself. In the evening we held another meeting at 7. It opened by singing and prayer by President Tauer. We sang. I spoke about 25 minutes. Brother Tauer spoke about 35 minutes. We sang. Then the meeting was dismissed by Brother Schonfeld. Then there was more singing. After, the Saints went home. We held prayer and then retreated to bed. On the 8th I went to Fraubruner and from there to Kernenead to Ms. Fuhrimann’s. On the way I bore my testimony to some and gave them pamphlets to read. I arrived in Kernenread at 4 in the evening. I talked a while to them (Fuhrimann’s) of the gospel and read to them from the Book of Mormon. Then we went to bed. On the 9th I went to Gottesberg to Mr. Aebe’s. On the way I bore my testimony of the Kingdom of God on the earth to some people and gave them something to read. I arrived at noon (in Gottesberg). In the afternoon I spent the time in writing. I stayed overnight there. On the 10th I left and walked around from one house to another to bear my testimony of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ and give them something to read. I went to Mr. Johan Haineger in Halmegen Wessachengreben to stay overnight. He said he did think lots of me before I was a Mormon. But since I was a Mormon, He don’t like me. He said he don’t want a Mormon to come to his house. He said I am welcome every time when I come if I don’t want to be a Mormon. But I told him I could not do that. I would rather be killed than to forsake Mormonism. On the 11th I walked around again to bear my testimony of the Kingdom of God on the earth and to give them something to read. In the evening I walked to Knubel Durrenroth to Sister Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 12th I spent the time in writing. On the 13th I walked around to bear my testimony of the Kingdom of God to the people and to give them tracts to read. On the 14th, Sunday, in the morning I taught the Fluckiger Family out of the Bible. In the afternoon I walked to Schmedegan to Ulrich Fuhrimann’s to teach them the Gospel. In the evening I walked back to Knubel to stay overnight. On the 15th I spent the time in writing. On the 16th I left and went to Zofengen because I had to go before the court again, the 17th at 10 o’clock for the Gospel’s sake. They .gave me no chance to prove through witnesses what I had said to defend myself. They fined me 300 Franks or 75 days imprisonment. After the trial I walked over to Gfell to Bro. Hofer’s and had dinner. At 2:30 I bid them goodbye and walked to Herzogenbuche to Mr. John Fuhrimann’s and arrived at 8 in the evening where I stayed overnight. On the 18th I left Mr. Fuhrimann and went to Biberist to Brother John Moser’s. I arrived at 12:15 and stayed two hours. Then I went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. They felt downcast about their son being killed in an accident. I did my best to comfort them. At 7 I bid them goodbye and walked to Emmenholz to stay overnight at Brother von Alman’s. On the 19th I went to Solothurn to get my shoes soled. I stayed with Brother Struss until they were fixed. On the 20th I walked from Solothurn to Delsberg and stayed overnight with Brother Samuel Some. On the 21st I held a meeting with Bro. Burchart. Meeting opened at 2 with prayer by Brother Burchart. The Sacrament was administered by him. I spoke about 1 hour. Brother Burchart spoke about 1 hour 15 minutes. Meeting was dismissed by prayer by Brother Samuel Some. In the evening Brother Some came back and I taught them again out of the Bible until 2. After that I walked with Brother Some to his place to stay overnight. On the 22nd I visited with Brother Bart until 4; I bid them goodbye and went to Brother Burkart and stayed until 9. Then I walked to Bro. Samuel Some’s to stay overnight. On the 23rd I left Delsberg and went to Basel – a distance of 25 miles. I stayed overnight with Joseph Henze. On the 24th in the morning I spent the time in writing. In the afternoon I walked to Muchenstein to visit two families that I had given something to read. I went back to Basel to stay overnight with Brother Henze. On the 25th I stayed all day at Brother Henze’s because I had a blister on my foot. On the 26th I stayed all day because my feet were sore. On the 27th in the afternoon I walked around to visit some people that I had given something to read. I stayed overnight with Brother Henze. On the 28th in the morning I went to visit Brother Arnold and Brother Blatter and another family that I had given them something to read. In the afternoon I stayed at Henze’s and taught them out of the Bible. On the 29th I left Basel and went by Rail to Muhlen to visit a family. After that I walked until late and night. When I came to Brugg, I stayed in a hotel. On the 30th I walked to Baden to Brother Galles Maier’s and stayed overnight with him. They were glad to see me. I instructed them in the Gospel.

On the 31st (Dec. 1st) I walked to Zurich to visit two families. There are very bitter enemies to the gospel. But I had to visit them because I had some business. From there I walked to Zasdengen and stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 2nd I walked to Luzern and then to Malters and stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 2nd/3rd I walked to Hellesau to visit a family there. From there I walked to Laholden to Mr. Joseph Barnet’s. On the way I walked about one mile behind two Catholic priests. The people that met them kneeled down and made a cross on their foreheads. The people ran out of their houses and kneeled down. One of the priests had a lantern and a bell. He rang the bell to get people out. Then they crossed a foot bridge over a River. When they were in the center of the bridge, the priest that had the light slipped and fell onto his back. His light went out and he dropped his cross. It fell in the water. So the people came with a hook to hunt for it. O Babylon what darkness covers – soon you will fall. O how thankful we ought to be for the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then I went to Lahalden to Brother Joseph Barnet’s to stay overnight. On the 4th I walked to Eriswil to Mr. Loser’s in the evening; I held a meeting and stayed overnight. On the 4th in the morning they begged me to write the prayer that I prayed with them in the evening. So I wrote a prayer out for them. After dinner I went to Knubel to stay overnight with Brother Fluckiger. On the 5th I walked around to bear my testimony of the Kingdom of God on the Earth. After that I walked to Knubel to stay overnight. On the 7th I walked to Eriswil and then to Schende. I then walked to Wessachengraben and to Knubel to stay overnight. On the 8th I walked to Eriswil to get the genealogy of my relations. In the evening I walked to Wessachengraben to Mr. Hans Ulrich’s to stay overnight. On the 9th I walked to Eriswil to get some more genealogy. On the 10th I walked to Himeswil to visit a family that I had given something to read before. After that I walked to Guttesberg to Mr. Aebe’s to stay overnight. On the 11th I walked to Wenegen to get genealogy. From there I went to Kopegen to see about more genealogy. Then I went to Knubel to Mr. Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 12th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s where we held a meeting. The meeting opened at 2 with singing, and then the prayer was said by Brother Moser. We sang. The Sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. After singing, I spoke about 45 minutes. Brother Moser spoke about 20 minutes. After singing, the meeting was brought to a close with prayer by Brother Kaufman. Then I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s and stayed overnight. On the 13th I walked to Bern and stayed overnight. On the 14th Brother Schonfeld and I walked to the lawyer to do some business. After dinner I walked to Biel to stay with my brother overnight. On the 15th I spent the day reading and writing. On the 16th I walked to Solothurn. Then I walked to Biberist and then to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 17th I stayed all day with Brother von Alman and spend the time writing. On the 18th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed about two hours. Then I went to Bern. On the 19th I attended a conference. It opened at 1 o’clock with singing and prayer. After singing, Brother Schonfeld spoke a few minutes then the conference proceeded. Reports were given. Brother Stucke was called to speak about 20 minutes. I spoke about 35 minutes. The meeting was brought to a close by prayer. At 2 o’clock another meeting opened by singing and prayer. We sang. The Sacrament was administered by Elder Hochstrasser and Elder Z. Neaf. After singing, Elder F. Munch was called to speak for about 55 minutes. President Schonfeld spoke about 30 minutes. After singing, the prayer was given by myself. In the evening a Meeting opened at 6 o’clock. We sang. After prayer we sang again. Elder J. Tauer was called and spoke about 35 minutes. Elder Somer spoke about 55 minutes. Elder Hasler spoke about 40 minutes. President Schonfeld spoke about 20 minutes. We sang and prayed. On the 20th a meeting was held in the evening at 7:30. We sang. We prayed and sang. Elder Z. Neaf spoke about 40 minutes. Two more Elders talked. President Schonfeld spoke about 25 minutes. We sang and prayed. On the 21st and 22nd I stayed all day in Bern. On the 23rd I walked to Emmenholz to stay overnight. On the 24th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. Then I went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed until 6. I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 25th in the afternoon I had a meeting with Mr. von Ames. It was Christmas Day. The meeting opened at 2 with singing. The prayer was by Christian von Alman Junior. We sang. I spoke for an hour and ten minutes. We sang. The meeting was dismissed by prayer by Bro. Christian von Alman Senior. I stayed overnight at Brother von Alman’s. On the 26th I walked to Biberist where we held a meeting. We held a priesthood meeting in preparation to settle some difficulty. The meeting opened at 1:30. We settled all satisfactorily. The meeting opened at 2 by singing and prayer by Brother Moser. We sang. Sacrament was administered by him. We sang. Brother Moser spoke about 35 minutes. I spoke about 45 minutes. We sang. The meeting was dismissed by prayer by Brother Kaufman. After supper I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s. On the 27th I spent the morning writing until 10. Then I bid them goodbye. On the 28th I left von Alman’s to go to Delsberg. I had a hard time to go over the mountain because the snow was deep from 3-4 feet and no tracks for about 3 miles. I arrived in Delsberg at 6 at Brother Some’s. After supper I walked to Guru to Brother Bart’s to stay overnight. On the 29th I went down to Brother Some’s and stayed a few minutes. I left to go to Basel and distance of 26 miles. I walked all the way and arrived at 6 at Brother Henze’s and stayed overnight. On the 30th I stayed all day. On the 31st I visited Brother Arnold’s and Brother Blatter’s families.

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I stayed with Brother Henze. On the 2nd I visited Brother Arnold’s, Brother Blatter’s and John Abersold’s families. Then I walked to Brother Henze’s to stay overnight. On the 3rd I walked around to bear my testimony of the Kingdom of God on the Earth. Then I walked back to Brother Henze’s to stay overnight. On the 4th I left and went to Delsberg. I arrived at 6:30 at Brother Some’s and stayed overnight. On the 6th I stayed until about 4 in the afternoon. Then I walked to Brother Frederich Burchart’s where I held a meeting. It opened at 7 with prayer by Bro. Burchart. I spoke about hour. Bro. Burchart spoke about 15 minutes and then the meeting was dismissed. Before the prayer, I ordained Brother Samuel Some to the office of a priest. Then I walked with Brother Some to his place to stay overnight. On the 7th I left to go to Biel and arrived at 8 to stay with my brother overnight. On the 8th I stayed all day. On the 9th I left and went to Biberist. I arrived at Brother Moser’s at 4. I stayed one hour. I went to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed two hours with his family. Then I bid them goodbye and walked to Emmenholz to stay with Brother Von Alman overnight. On the 9th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s where I held a meeting with Brother Munch. He came from Bern. We held a priesthood meeting. It opened at 12:30 by prayer by Brother Moser. He spoke a few minutes. I spoke a few minutes. Christian von Alman spoke. Brother Munch spoke a while and gave us some good instruction. After that, the meeting was dismissed by prayer by Brother Kaufman. In the afternoon a meeting opened at 2 by singing and prayer by Brother Moser. The Sacrament was administered by him. We sang. Brother Moser spoke a few words. I spoke about 15 minutes. Brother Munch spoke about one hour. After singing the meeting was dismissed by prayer. After supper we walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s where we held a meeting in the evening. I stayed overnight with Brother von Alman. On the 10th I and Brother Munch walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed until 12. Brother Munch left for Bern on the train. I walked back to Brother Struss’s and stayed until after supper. I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 11th I left and walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. I stayed until 12:30. I then went to Knubel to Fluckiger’s and arrived at 7 and stayed overnight. On the 12th I left and walked through Rohrbachgreben to bear my testimony of the Kingdom of God on the Earth. I stayed overnight in Soussau. January 13th I stayed until after dinner. Then I bid them goodbye and walked to Soussau Street to Mr. John My and stayed until past 4. Then I walked to Auswil to Mr. Andro Wagermann. In the evening I had a long talk with them and two neighbors. I talked with them and explained the Gospel to them until nearly 12. We retired to bed. On the 14th I walked to Auswil to see a man I had seen before and had given him tracts to read. I then walked to Huttwil to get some genealogy of the dead for Brother Ledermann. Then I visited an old woman to bear my testimony to her. Then I walked to Durrenroth. I then went to Knubel to Brother Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 15th I spent time writing. On the 16th I walked to Beberist to Brother Moser to hold a meeting. President Schonfeld came also. The meeting opened at 2 with prayer by John Struss. We sang. The sacrament was administered by Brother Moser. After singing, I spoke about 20 minutes. President Schonfeld spoke about one hour. We sang, and then the meeting was dismissed by Christian von Alman. After supper we walked to Emmenholz where we held a meeting. It opened by 7:30 with singing, and then the prayer was by Christian von Alman. We sang. I spoke about 15 minutes. President Schonfeld spoke about one hour. We organized the (female) Relief Society. Brother Moser spoke a few words. We sang. The meeting was dismissed by prayer by Brother Moser. Afterwards we had more instruction by Brother Schonfeld. We had prayer and went to bed. On the 16th I stayed at Brother von Alman’s until 11. Then I and Brother Schonfeld walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. We stayed until 3. Then we walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. In the evening Brother Schonfeld went by rail to Bern. I stayed overnight with Brother Moser. On the 18th I visited the Saints in Biberist and Mr. Lutterbach. Then I walked to Emmenholz to Brother Christian von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 19th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. I stayed a few minutes. Then I walked to Fraubrunen to visit two families. Then I walked to Kernenread to widow Fuhrimann. I stayed overnight there. On the 20th I walked to Schonbul to visit a family. Then I walked to Heneswil to visit a family. Then I walked to Affoltern to Mr. Ulrich Christian’s to stay overnight. On the 21st I walked to Greshach to Mr. Andrew Somer’s and gave him pamphlets to read. Then I walked to Wessermat to preach the Gospel to one man. Then I walked to Schonag to visit four families there. Then I walked to Frauhegen to Mr. Hans Ulrich and stayed overnight. On the 22nd I stayed all day with Hans Ulrich. On the 23rd after dinner I walked to Schmedegen to Mr. Fuhrimann’s and bore my testimony to him and his family. In the evening I walked to Knubel to Sister Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 24th I stayed at Fluckiger’s all day. In the evening I walked to Durrenroth to visit a schoolteacher and give him pamphlets to read. Then I walked to Knubel to stay overnight. On the 25th I walked to Rohrbach and then to Lengenthal. From there I went to Neiderwil to Brother Anton Plochs’. From there I went to Gfell to Brother Hofer’s where I held a meeting. It opened with singing and prayer by myself. I spoke about 1 hour and 15 minutes. After the meeting was dismissed by myself with prayer. I walked back with Brother Plochs to his place to stay overnight. On the 26th I walked to Oftringen to Brother Hoteger’s. Then I walked to Olten. From there I went to Leastal to Mr. Gass’s and stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 27th I walked to Pratalen to visit three families. From there I walked to Basel to Brother Joseph Henze’s and stayed overnight. On the 28th I stayed there all day. On the 29th I walked around to visit strangers and to bear my testimony to them. After I walked back to Brother Henze’s to stay overnight. On the 30th in the morning I visited Brother Abersold, Brother Arnold and Brother Blatters. In the afternoon I held a meeting at Brother Henze’s. It opened at 2 by prayer by myself. I administered the Sacrament. I spoke about 1 hour and 10 minutes. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Brother Henze. I stayed overnight at Brother Henze’s. On the 31st in the afternoon I walked to Little Basel to visit strangers and bear my testimony to them. Then I walked back to Brother Henze’s to stay overnight.

February 1st I walked to Delsberg to Brother Some’s and stayed overnight. On the 2nd I stayed all day at Brother Some’s. On the 3rd I stayed until after dinner. I walked to Brother Burchart’s in the evening. I walked to Brother Some’s and held a meeting. It opened at 8 by prayer by Brother Burchart. Then he spoke about 40 minutes. I spoke about 40 minutes. Meeting was dismissed by prayer by Brother Bealer. We went to bed. On the 4th I walked to Guru after dinner. I went to Brother Bart’s. In the evening I walked to Brother Some’s to stay overnight. On the 5th I walked to Brother Burchart’s and stayed until evening. I walked to Brother Some’s and stayed overnight. On the 6th at 10 we held a Priesthood meeting. It opened by prayer by Brother Burchart. The teachers gave the report. Brother Burchart spoke a few minutes. I spoke for some time. Brother Bart was ordained a secretary by myself. Brother Burchart spoke a few words then the meeting was dismissed by Brother Bart. In the afternoon we held a meeting that opened at 2 by prayer by Brother Bart. The Sacrament was administered by Brother Burchart. Then the meeting was given into the hands of the people for testimonies of the work of God on the earth. After, I spoke about 25 minutes. Then the meeting was dismissed by Brother Some with prayer. In the evening we held another meeting at Brother Some’s. Meeting opened by prayer by Brother Bageler. Then Brother Burchart spoke about 40 minutes. I spoke about 35 minutes. Meeting was dismissed by Brother Burchart. After prayer we went to bed. On the 7th I stayed at Brother Some’s until afternoon. Then I walked to Guru to Brother Bart’s and stayed until after supper. Then I walked to Brother Some’s and stayed overnight. On the 8th I walked to Brother Burchart and stayed about 2 hours. Then I walked back to Brother Some’s. After dinner I left them and walked to Schafvor Oarchart near Hunster to Mr. Adolf Cumer and stayed overnight at his place. On the 9th I walked to Mr. Holst’s in Oarchart and then walked to Biel to stay overnight with my brother Andro (Andreas). On the 10th I stayed all day. On the 11th I walked from Biel to Lengendor. Then I went to Solothurn to Brother Kroff’s to stay overnight. On the 12th I walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s and stayed until 2. Then I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed until evening. Then I walked to Emmenholz to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 13th I walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s where we held a meeting which opened at 2 by singing. The prayer was given by Brother von Alman. We sang. The Sacrament was administered by Brother von Alman Jr. We sang. I spoke about 45 minutes. Brother Moser spoke about 20 minutes. We sang. Then the meeting was dismissed by prayer by John Struss. After supper I walked to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 14th I left Emmenholz and walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. I stayed until after dinner. Then I bid them goodbye and walked to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed until 4. After that I went by train to Bern and stayed overnight there. On the 15th I stayed until 4. Then I and Brother Stucke went by train to Biberist to Brother Moser’s. From there we walked to Brother von Alman’s to stay overnight. On the 16th I and Brother Stucke walked to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. Then we went to Biberist to Brother Moser’s and stayed until 2. Then we walked to Knubel and stayed overnight with Fluckiger’s. On the 17th we stayed all day and wrote. On the 18th we walked to Rohrbach to visit two families. From there we walked to Neiderwil to Gfell to Brother Hofer’s where we held a meeting. It opened at 7:30 by singing and prayer by myself. Brother Stucke spoke about 40 minutes. I spoke about 35 minutes. Meeting was ended by prayer by Brother Stucke. On the 19th we walked to Leastal to Brother Gass’s and stayed about 40 minutes. Then we went to Basel. We stayed overnight at Brother Henze’s. On the 20th in the morning we visited Brother John Abersold, Brother Arnold and Brother Blatters and another family (strangers). After we walked to Brother Henze’s where he held a meeting. It opened at 2 with prayer by myself. I spoke about 45 minutes. Brother Stucke spoke about 35 minutes. Meeting was dismissed by Brother Henze. On the 21st we visited Blatters and one other family in the afternoon. Then we walked to Brother Henze’s to stay overnight. On the 22nd we walked to Delsberg, a distance of 27 miles. We stayed overnight with Samuel Some. On the 23rd in the evening we walked to Guru to Brother Bart’s where we held a meeting. It opened at 7:30 by prayer by Brother Burchart. I spoke about 45 minutes. Brother Stucke spoke about 30 minutes. After singing, the meeting was dismissed by Brother Bailer. We walked with Brother Some to his place to stay overnight. On the 24th Brother Stucke intended to go to Solothurn. I went to Basel to Brother Henze’s and stayed overnight. On the 25th I stayed all day. On the 26th in the afternoon I walked to Achwil and back to Basel to stay at Brother Henze’s. On the 27th I visited John Abersold, Brother Arnold and Brother Blatters and other families. In the evening I walked to Brother Joseph Henze’s to stay overnight. On the 28th I spent the day writing.

On March 1st I walked to Ecken. Then I went by rail to Brugg. Then I walked to Baden to Brother Gabus Mier’s and stayed overnight. On the 2nd I stayed all day. On the 3rd I walked to Zurich to Brother Lotcher’s in the afternoon. I had some business. I stayed overnight with Brother Lotcher. On the 4th and 5th I had some business. After, I walked with Brother Somer around the city to see some delightful places. I stayed overnight with Brother Ditwyel. On the 6th I walked with Brother Ditwyel to Brother Lotcher’s where we held a meeting which opened at 2. After singing and the prayer, we sang again before the Sacrament was administered. After that, we sang again. I spoke for about 45 minutes. Brother Somer spoke about 30 minutes. Meeting was dismissed by prayer by Brother Lotcher. Then I walked with Brother Ditwyel to his place to stay overnight. On the 7th I went to Sillwald and then to Baar. From there I went to Zug and then to Bothkrutz. From there I went to Luzern to Obergrund to Brother Anton Withprechteger’s to stay overnight. On the 8th I left there and went to Cheswyl to Mr. Samuel Lusher’s to stay overnight. On the 9th after dinner I left and went to Knubel to Fluckiger’s to stay overnight. On the 10th I went to Guttesberg to Mr. Frederich Aebe’s to stay overnight. On the 11th I went to Bern where I stayed the night. On the 12th after dinner I went to Aeschaschen Langnau to Brother Agle’s to stay overnight. On the 13th we held a meeting at 2. We sang, and I said the prayer. After singing, the Sacrament was administered by Brother Agle and myself. After singing, he spoke about 15 minutes. I spoke about 55 minutes. The meeting was dismissed by prayer by Brother Nicklaus Agle. I stayed overnight with Agle’s. On the 14th I stayed all day there. On the 15th in the afternoon I walked to Ruderscoyl Lachen to Brother John Brechbul’s and stayed overnight. On the 16th after dinner I walked to Baderswyl to Mr. Samuel Oberle’s and stayed overnight. On the 17th I went to a few houses to give them tracts. Then I walked to Grossmate to Brother Nichlaus Aufsmith and stayed until evening. At 7 I walked to John Brechbul’s to stay overnight. On the 18th I went to Sumeswald Burghof and then to Sumeswold to an office man to see about genealogy. From there I walked to Grasbach to Mr. Sommer’s and stayed two hours. Then I walked to Affoltern to Mr. Christian’s and stayed overnight. On the 19th after dinner I went to Sumeswald to get some genealogy. From there I walked to Ruderberyl Sachen to Brother John Brechbul’s to stay overnight. On the 20th I went to Aeschachen Langnau to Brother Agle’s. From there Brother Agle and I walked to Knubel to Brother John Walte’s where we held a meeting at 2. It opened by singing and prayer by Brother Agle. After singing again, the Sacrament was administered by Brother Agle and me. He spoke about 15 minutes. I spoke about one hour. The meeting was dismissed by Brother Agle. We stayed overnight with Brother John Ulrich Walte. On the 21st I spent most of the time writing. I visited one family not in the church. Then I walked to Brother Walte’s to stay overnight. On the 22nd I went to Egewil to Bohnuren Kurzenberg to Brother Frederich Foucher’s and Gottleib Kohle’s. I stayed overnight with Brother Foucher. On the 23rd I stayed all day. On the 24th I went to Bro. Christian Lanher’s and stayed a few minutes. Then I went to Fouchlock Egewil to Mr. Opleger’s and stayed overnight with Bro. & Sis. Opleger. On the 25th I went to Brother Agle’s. On the way I went to some houses to bear my testimony of the Kingdom of God. I stayed overnight with Brother Agle in Aeschachen. On the 27th, Sunday, Brother Tauer came and the meeting opened at 2 by singing. The prayer was by Brother Agle. After more singing the Sacrament was administered by Brother Agle and me. After singing, Brother Agle spoke a few words. I spoke about 45 minutes. Brother Tauer spoke about 45 minutes. After more singing the meeting was dismissed by Brother Agle. I stayed overnight at Brother Agle’s. On the 28th Brother Tauer walked to Brother Brechbul’s and I walked to Rothenlul. On the road I bore my testimony to some of the people in Rothenbul. In the afternoon Brother Leate and Mr. Schwezer came to a meeting. In the evening it opened by prayer by myself. I spoke about 1 hour and 10 minutes. Then the meeting ended. I stayed over-night with Mr. Schwezer. On the 28th I went to Eriswil for some business. On the road I bore my testimony to some people. From there I walked to Mr. Frederich Smith in Leau Wassachen-graben and stayed with him overnight. On the 30th in the afternoon I walked to Eriswil to do some business for Goffrey Loosle. Then I walked to Mr. Hensubich’s and stayed overnight with him. On the 31st in the morning I visited a man that was sick in bed that wanted to see me. Then I walked back to Mr. Smith’s to stay overnight.

April 2nd I went to Buchholz by the office to Brother Gottfrey Buttler’s and stayed overnight with him. On the 3rd the meeting opened at 1:30 with singing and the prayer was by Brother Gottfrey Buttler. After singing, the Sacrament was administered by Brother Buttler and myself. He spoke a few words. Then I spoke about 50 minutes. Then I gave the members a chance to talk – who felt like bearing their testimonies. They spoke a few minutes. I spoke about 10 minutes. After singing, the prayer was said by Brother Gottfried Buttler. I stayed overnight with Frederich Buttler. On the 4th I visited a family. Then I went to Bern at 7 in the evening. On the 5th and 6th I stayed in Bern. On the 7th I went to Biel to my brother’s. When I arrived I did find to my astonishment that my brother Andro (Andreas) was dead and buried 4 weeks ago. I left my hand packet there. On the 7th I went to Kerchberg for some more genealogy. Then I went to Burgdorf. I took the train to Aeschachen Langnau to Brother Agle’s and stayed overnight. On the 8th I bid them goodbye and walked to Knubel Durrenroth to Fluckiger’s. I stayed one hour and went to Waltregen. I stayed about two hours. Then I went to Affoltern to John Christian’s and stayed overnight. On the 9th I left to go to Himeswil to visit a man. Then I went to Henegen to see about more genealogy. Then I walked to Gutesberg to Mr. Aebe’s and stayed overnight. On the 10th I left to go toward Biel and passed by Biberist and stayed a few minutes. Then I walked down to Solothurn to Brother Struss’s. I went by train to Delsberg. I stayed overnight with Brother Some. On the 11th I bid them goodbye and went by train to Basel. I arrived at Brother Henze’s at 7 in the evening. I stayed in Basel until Thursday the 14th. Then I went on my journey home to Zion.

I left Basel at 5:30 in the morning and arrived in Antwerp Belgium at 11 at night. In the morning I looked for a ship to sail to Hull England. An agent told me I had better wait two days in Antwerp because I could not be in time to go the 16th from Liverpool England with the immigrants. I was five hours too late he said. If I waited two days in Antwerp I could go safer on the water to Hull. So I stayed. I left Antwerp on the 16th at 8 in the evening. We arrived in Hull April the 17th at 10 at night. I stayed in the ship until morning. On the 18th they took us to the depot. I had to wait until 11 to go to Liverpool. There was a company of Saints/immigrants that I went with to Liverpool. Then I intended to go to sea on the 19th. But I had to wait in Liverpool until Saturday the 23rd.