Richards whos faith - Virtue
Kindness, Brotherly Love and Patience
and humility, has been with
us through out our School God
Bless them their memory will
will always be remembered by the
boys + Girls who has been entrusted
in there Care, that they will feel
the influence of there Labors from
the boys + Girls who have gone to their
field of labors. Our journey have begun
to take shape. We the Elders who
have been called to alaskian - Canadian
Mission, left by Bus. 10:30 a.m. Monday the
17 april - 1961. those boys who had their
mother + Father + sweet Kids were there other
host Sisters + Brothers + my self, my Daughter
in law Nora, the two Children, Wendle
and Becky, bid me good by. I had rather
a deep sorrowful feeling, But I managed
to over come them and so We were
headed for Pocatello Idaho. as I sat
down in the bus. the only set that was
left was by an ~~Elder~~ middle age woman
I engaged in a conversion and found her
mother was a relative of my wife, so
We became Quiet Interested in Her among
the Mormon Church, after words I
fell asleep, and when I awoke
at Pocatello, I called up Record
Matson and they came Down to
the station and got me. We left
Pocatello Idaho 7:30 traveled all night.
got to Portland Oregon 9:30 Next Morning
this place has grown Remarkable I last

saw it in 1918. I recall some of the land marks. But many changes have taken place since 1918. We traveled up along the Puget Sound and into British Columbia, into Vancouver, this is a very Pretty place Green Grass and Trees, Mostly Evergreens, or Pines We used to call them, Arrived at Station 3 o'clock after noon, President Wielandmann with two Boys were there to met us, we were taken to the Mission home. and We discussed a few Rules of the Mission, also Sister Wielandmann gave us advice on Cooking, But all of this was Just New to me. I can't do most of it, But it rained almost every Day, a little any Day. The Peaks are Green & that told me that it was Green all year round as the snow didn't stay very long at a time, We had a good Supper and then we had a Testimony meeting telling us to be happy and keep the Standards of the Church, We were given the first 2 lessons on the Family Board and then the next Day we had to go down to the Custom Office and get Cleared & get a Health Permitt to enter into Canada, they told me I was a Poor risk & that I couldn't stand to work as a Minister, But if I had had a Heart attacks why didn't I have High Blood Pressure. that I said

You Wouldn't understand. But to go The Doc. Gave me a long lecture and said if I was only going to stay for 2 years I Probble would be advised not so he gave me a Certificate to enter Canada - We proceeded back to the Head Quarters, had Lunch and left for the Bus station and got there just intime to catch the Bus it was 3 p.m. We left Vancouver and rod all night and the next morning at 10:30 April 20th arrived at Creston, and Elder Howells met us at the Bus and took us to where will be our Quarters for some time I am thankful for this opportunity of living among these good people and the joy it is to labor with them. I think I shall reap more Benefits from this Mission that any other experiences that I have had in life passed. Our place of abode is simple. 3 rooms & a bath But no hot Water we heat the Water with a wood heater, We take turns in Cooking, Elder Hansen is a fine Cook, and when we are not invited out to Dinner we have some good meals. To day april 24 Elder Howells left on a travel tour with Elder Hill, We are afoot and waiting for a car to be fixed up so we can get around. this Valley floor is about 2000 feet above sea level, and extends South about 10 miles from center of the City & 10 miles

to the north, on the east the Mountains are close, the foot hills where People have built homes, and the West about 20 miles to the Mountains, the trees, Evergreens are low down, and lots of them on the Valley floor, at present lot of snow in the tops of the mountains, Industry is Farming and fruit, of all kinds. Strawberries are plentyful at Season time, raspberries, and blackberries, Olive berries & some farming There are about 3000 people here, about 1600 Mormans, the town it self isn't Kept Very Clean, But the Newer homes are kept Nice, the Kootenay river runs past on the West, my work is learning the 6 lessons 74 Pages to learn and 18 Scriptures to learn and Joseph Smiths story to remember, the Articles of Faith to learn & remember, Chapter 4 of the Doctrine and Covenants, it seems I Cant remember much of the I have read the things I should remember, But through the spirit of the holly ghost, I will learn, and remember, by study & Secret thinking I do not wish things to be to easy as I am afraid it would not make me humble, But with the Prayer that was offered in my behalf at my departure from home I Can not fail, last evening Elder Hansen and my self spent 2 hours with Ray Bottey, who wants to come into the Church But he is not sure yet so we discussed the priesthood, he didn't quite understand, Which he will come into the church soon. This april 29th 61 it has been a short week We have done a little Visiting and found every one Friendly, I love

been studying very hard. I have accomplished some of the Memorizing. But hope the Lord will Give me more of the Spirit of the Holy Ghost. My Birth day Thurs. Was a very nice one & Recieved Birthday cards from Ray & Family. Susan at Bry ce. My sister Alice, my Sister in Law Aymo Dawdie & Hale Elder Howells and Elder Hill Bough me a Cake with happy Birth day and Ice Cream so I have enjoyed my Birthday with lots of Love & Kindness. Elder Hakeem & are done again. & still looking for that Car to get repaired yester Tues. Create Dinner at Brother Duane Smiths. and them attented a green & Gold ball at Cranbrook B.C. Canada. Elder Hill Elder Howells Elder Hansen & my self. We took 2 Girls with us so every one could go, there Was a Nice group of Youngs & olds there, there we met old Friends and Made New ones. I know I will Love this work as I get more aquainted with it I love to mingle with the Nyed Crowds, We couldn't Dance But the Boys & Girls that took Part in the floor show Was beautiful in there dancing Clothes, this is the Program of the Church and many that Wasn't from Faith Points spotted in the Dance. We had light refreshments after arriving home at 1 oclock We all were tired, & Soon all were asleep Elder Howells & Elder Hill left this morning 29 and I Stalled up to ton, & got the mail and did a little shoping it is cut &

Both night it is raining out side, and to morrow is Sunday. April 30 - 5 years ago My Wife died. I feel she is happy, that I am trying to reach that Goal she has reached. I do not mourn for I know that what she is Now has no pain or suffering unlike I do not my part, in this world of temptation & sorrow, God grant me the strength to accomplish my task, that I may be worthy to once again unit with her & show my Love and appreciation for her devotion to me. Sunday 30 it was a cloudy Day and we had a larger Sunday School & a few more at meeting. Bro Anderson came to take me to the two meetings. I Stepped & passed the Sacrement and gave a short talk I did a very poor job of it but I hope to improve - if God will help me. as I study more I have a long way to go, Monday - May 1 - looks like we will have a nice Day - Elder Hansen unit feeling so good I hope he get better. I am sure he will. I had a Call From Elder Spencer, he is on his way to Van Conner, he is being transfered to and other District. I have been studing But the thick and rusty Brain Just Dont seem to function Properly But I'll keep on praying and often awake I will catch the Message I been sent out to Give to the people - Since I have been here We have Visited some of our members and and encouraged to come out to our Meetings and we have found love and Kindness in Every Heart the Blossom Parade Was supposed to be for two days But we are having rain & snow

this is May 4-5-67 and it started to rain the 4 and it is still raining on may the 5th the clouds are low and looks like it wont let up. To Day 5 I don't feeling so hot, I think I caught a cold But I got better this afternoon my head has ached and feels rather crapey, But I am not to bad.
To Day is Sunday - May 7-67 Elder Hansen and my self got a ride with Bro. Hudson and to Sunday School and meeting We has a very good Testimony meeting, of faith promoting Innedent, Sister Forster one of our oldes member. She is 86 years young She gave a wonderful testimony and Sister Linstrom, only a convert since last Sunday - gave a wonderful testimony, I feel that this Branch will surely grow as we have a few more coming out. Sunday - We Was invited to Sister Fabrells for dinner, We have had our Parade of Bloomsons, and while the Parade the rain stoped, and we have a Nice Day to day, and now it looks like it will rain, it is chilly But not cold. I am busy my hand trying to get my lot lesson Completed to give in this Mear future, Yesterday we had a nice Day to day is over cast and looks like rain this evening I am going to a young folds Partie. May 8-67 Elder Hansen has gone up town to mail some letters, Sunday May 14th We had a Very expressive Program for mothers day Elder Hansen spoke and there were 10 Mothers Present. & 14 flowers gave away - some of

the mothers couldn't attend for the sickness they had at home. in the afternoon Elder Hansen and my self attended a Eagle lodge Mothers day Program Elder Hansen being the Guess speaker this gave us an opportunity to get acquainted with some of the people and they were very friendly, I truly enjoyed the hand shakes and opportunity of meeting and talking to those mothers, Bro & Sister Levit, ~~Countin~~ introduced us to all 40 people and I am sure it will give us an opportunity to get into some of their homes to explain the Gospel to them Bro. Levit showed some pictures that he had taken on his trip to Arizona, Calif- Utah and Nev. he took pictures of Elder Hansen & myself and after the Program they served dinner We couldn't eat to much then, for we had another engagement at Sister Forsted.
on our Way home We met Edna from Yuba and they told us of the Families they have that wants the missionairs to come and explain the Gospel to, also they discuss the problem of Building a chapel. all they have is a rented Hall, which get so dusty & leaks so that it isn't very good in the sight of the Lord. it rained last night and Sunday morning, To day is a very nice Sunny Day - 15th May - got a letter from my sister Alice & America.
May - 18th Got a letter from Ray & Family
To Day I have had the blues some thing I try to overcome as soon a possible because they are a hinderence to my work But, But for a month I have been studying the ~~lessons~~ and I just haven't been able to remember it. why I have been all to

Lined out, if ever I have Prayed about it and ask God for help it has been now. But there must be something wrong with me. What I should been able to find out. I guess it is my faith. he said we should not think of what we should say But the Holy Ghost will tell us what to say - But with out some knowledge we can never hope of such help.

May 10 Day 7th 19- have had a busy day, I got up early as I felt better in spirits as I ask God to help me overcome the feeling of loneliness, and with a good night's rest I have been able to enjoy the Spirit of happiness. We visited Sister Forsted, on her Birth Day - she is 86 years young. Elder Hansen & I gave her a small remembrance, of how she has been so good to the missionaries, We have spent many happy hours with her & Sister Hunter who has been ill in the hospital and is staying with her while she is getting better. Sister Forsted is the Mother of this Branch. We also visited with Nassijks, at each had a small Meeting with them, I hope they will soon be ready for Baptism, So I feel our Day Wasn't for Nothing. The Traveling Missionaries came this evening, & will be with us for a few days. Elder Hill and Elder Mahar they are fine fellows. and Sat worked on a car to get it running, finally we

Elder Hill got it running in a fashion -
Sunday 21 - all went to Sunday School
and meeting, had a wonderful Sunday
school, a big crowd was there. Sister
Linstrom did a wonderful job. on the lesson
and Sacrament meeting was a wonderful meeting
High Counsel, Bro. Wilson was here and spoke
to us. Bro. Rees spoke and gave a fine testimony
and he said he spoke under the inspiration
of the Lord, so he told me after words, We had
48 out, this was a large crowd considering
the few who came when we first were here.
And after the four Elders were invited to
Bro. Hudsons. place for Dinner. and Elder
Hansen & I went over to one of the Neighbors
and to see if she would come out to
Church. But she said she was going to the Pentecostal church. But she
seems so mixed up. because she used
to be a mormon, To Day is Washday
Monday - 22 - and Elder Hansen & Elder
Mader are doing Washing at Sister Pertsons

To day - is Wed - 24 - and a very nice Day
the Snow is begaing to melt in the Mountains
and the rivers are ragging high about there
Banks and the flats are covered with Water
low places along the Highway are filled
With Water, streams are muddy. Small
streams are like rivers, tall ever greens stand
deep in the ragging waters, here
& there. one can see horses Peeking
up out of the Water, like a Pelican
standing on one legg -

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Definition of Faith by Paul
Now Faith is the substance
of things hoped for, the evidence
of things not seen.

Faith implies such confidence
and conviction as will impel to action

Belief is in a sense passive and
agreement or acceptence only.

Faith is active and positive

Remember the healing

while Jesus was walking to town
of Jairus with a great crowd of
people, a woman who had suffered
for twelve years with ailment of
frequent hemorrhage, she had
spent in medical treatment all she
owned and had steadily grown
worse. she worked her way thro
the crowd, and approaching Jesus
from behind, touched his robe for she
said if I may touch his clothes I shall
become well. her mood were more
than magical.

For immediately she felt the thrill
of health, went thro her body. She
became healed of her affliction
The savior turned and looked over the
crowd and ask who touched
my clothes. for I have precieved that
Nature is gone out of me.

Then he turned and said.
"Daughter be of good comfort thy
faith was Sensive & free from guile

The Vital spirit that emanates from
God known to us as force of Nature
thus the Lord may speak directly
to the earth, the air, the sea, and
is heard and obayed for divine
affluence. which is the sum
of all energy and power May and
does operate thro out the Universe
Faith is the divine Gift of god
and can obtain only from him
altho Faith is the first principle
of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
in fact it is the foundation of all
religion yet it proceeded sincerity
by humility of the heart.

as fast as we open our hearts to
the influence of Righteousness, the
faith that leads to life eternal
will be given us of the Father

People Waited for Friends and loved ones, to welcome
or leave with a Well Wish for safe return,
as the train Pricied along the out skirts of the
town and Village ~~the~~ at last arrived in the Great
City, Vancouver B.C. there I changed my Land
Worse to a Watery Course, and took the Boat
to Nanaimo, the ship it was of a small type and
as we Pricied out into the Deep Waters of the
Sound I could see on ether side the old
Water front English typed style houses beautifully
Painted White, that stood out like Great
Monarchs of the Sea and shine in the sun
when it Peaked out from behind the Clouds,
as the ships travelled slowly out farther out on
to the sea, a breeze and showers of rain
kept the Passangers off the deck. so we
all looked thro the train Waked Windows
I Could see small tug boats, and small
Pleasure Boats out in that Great body of
Water, I only Could see to where the
Curveture of the earth seemed to start, as the ship
Pricied on it Course the shores of Vancouver
faded and only the English seemed to be so far
away snow Caped Mountains were Visable
the sun shown and the Waters seemed to be
Calme, People Gathered out on deck. and
the shores of Nanaimo Came into View, as
we drew near the houses seemed quiet, thinkly
Populated, and the shores sloped back into
a high Mountain range, tree + shrubs
dipt the shore, right up on the Mountain
it looked like forest fires had taken its toll
and will take time for Nature to rebuild
the beauty it once had. When I docked
No one Was there to meet me so I called

a Family and so I arrived at the apartments at 3:00 clock. 99 Haicol, st. Nanaimo, B.C. Elders were not there, Elders Wrage's Daughter came to see him & he was late in getting back home, so they went & got them selves a Motel, so today they we have been out sight seeing. Visited the Long trees, the estimated footage of Broadfelt in some of the trees were 25,000 to 50,000 enough to build a 4 to 6 room house. Monday the 16. we had a Development meeting of the a few sports, that was held at the Comox City Park. we Eat Lunch at the Elders apartment, then went to the Beach to hold our Development Meeting, the spirit of the Lord was there for the setting as each one expressed what a wonderful Place to be. The opening Pray was given by. Elder. Butcher and the lesson was Presented by those who had been asigned, and each Missionary bore a testimony, it was in the setting of the Sun that brought that Vivid Picture of Christ walking on the Water, I had pictured it as the Sea of Galalee and felt the spirit of the Lord so plain, the water was stirred by the cool soft Breeze that sweeped over our face, I pondered the Ships with small and control lers seem at a short Distance, occasionally the thunder of the Jet Planes would break the Silence & water part our Meeting But the Spirit of the Lord was with us

The Love, and humility felt there, the Spirit of the Power of God, was manifested by the tears and happiness with in that family. Peace be with them. I was Weake with compassion, and strong with conviction, that I Know the Power of the Prast hood, was there in such abomdance, it was a rich and glorious experance and I am looking forward to having soon much more rich harvest, and the very Near future. Again I lay aside my other work and try and tell of some of the things that has happened. We continue to teach & serve the best we know how, thro prayer and humbleness We strive to spare time our spirits for Baptisms, it seem those who we thought would be baptized have gotten cold, why I dont quite understand, But the Lord has said if they dont accept Baptism, they will Wax cold, so I know this is what has happened, how strong the holy ghost will with draw it self if we dont pray and exercise our faith when. Mormon was teaching his son Moroi. he said Pray for them son, that repentance may come unto them. Be bold, I fear lest the spirit hath ceased strasving with them. and in this part of the Land they are also seeking to put down all power and authority which, comath from god, and they are denying the holy ghost. it become discouraging at times for people are too much for the things of this world,

The change has finaly come to a close of my companion Elder Godfrey & I as I Received word that we are to leave Kamloops and go diferent direction, I will leave for Nanaimo B.C. and he will go to Dawson Creek. that will seperate us to about 800 Mile apart so again I said goodby to Friends and to those I do learned to Love and respect, for the Gospel sake. its been a very trying and interested experience. to bring some to the knowledge that Christ taught, Love, Faith Charity and Repentence, and many other things to keep us to become More Perfect and happy in obeying his commands, so I started my train at 2:15 a.m. Thursday morning I left Kamloops. The train speed it way along the west Bank of the Kamloops Lake 25 miles to Savona, where its the Course of the River it empties into the Mighty Frazer river, at ashcroft, the almost perpendicular mountains reach high into the Clouds that gather along the tops of the mountains ranges, and down into the Canyons, then into Valley Green, lot of trees and Jackrine oak and many different Verairties, reach high up on the Mountain sides, along the Valley floor hoards of Cattle graze Leasurely, in Knee deep in grass and flowers, beautiful landscaped gardens, Painted Houses, with Children playing around on the Newly mown lawns, a light Breeze was blowing a few sprinklings of rain as the night Fraze spread out to ward the Sound Lakes were farmed and many small boats drifting at Anchor, while fishing rods setented from the sides, as the train moved slowly the small towns

Pattie

People using ~~Bo~~ Row Boats to ~~mo~~ to
~~Pat~~ high day, when they had packed
their day, the forests have changed their
color in the past Weeks. and have be
come Greener, where once dry grass
from Winter's sleep have become
Green, and tall alpha is being ready
for harvest, every one has got on a spirit of
spring, Apple trees are in full bloom
while Lilacks are putting forth their sweetest
Perfumes And Garden are beginning to
show their plantings Soon strawberries
and lettuce, radish, spinach, onions, Cabbage,
Cauliflowers, and many other things will be
ready for eating, the long days & short
~~Nights~~ are one ~~and~~ as ~~any~~ other Day
comes to a close. We are Thankful-
May. 25. an other Day the Sun was so
Bright this morning I watched it branch
its bright light off the mountain sides
a few drifts of snow near the top of the
mountains ~~show~~ so white against the
sunlight, early morning Birds sing
their merry songs I walked down to the
grove of Pines that are back of the house
and there I knelt in Prayer asking God
to help me in my laboring, and I
am glorely praising that Promise that
the Lord Promises to the Missionaries who
strives to ~~keep~~ do his will and keep his
Commandments, the Holy Ghost shall
descend upon you and help you
in the work of the Lord. it takes
a lot of study, and I hop I can
keep up this work.

Sunday - Was a nice Day - had a nice crowd out. about 32 - had a very nice sacrament meting it seems. they spirit of Lord was there a little more abundance, and it will take more work to bring more out, Sat evning 27 - We had a large crowd out to our Cayce Picnic. 129 people Jack and Cranbrook came and with those coming had a lovely time Danced Played games. It was quiet cool But had a bonfire and Had Hot Dogs. Sunday we were invited out to Dinner at Sister Crossfields, they had just recently moved into the Branch, then for Supper We were invited to Sister Fosteads, so we had Nun Lacked for Something to eat. Sister Linstrom, Gave us Pickles, Meat, Bread, Beans, Potatos and so we wont have to Buy much food this week the old car needs a new tire we had a blow out, + so it looks like a new tire for us. We have had a little rain and to. Day is memoral day. I have wondered if the children will think of there Mother to decorate her grave. I hope she is happy with My trying to do, my part in this Missionary work. it isn't easy, for me to Content my self, as I spend many hours studying and keeping My mind free of life worries, Problems that have arisen in the Past, and I haven't yet Mastered them all especially with the Children, I hop + Pray they may see Why I have ask to serve, and shoulder this Great responsibity, that I may Broden my Understanding of the Gospel, and by Example, that they may know

I truly and humbly Love and cherish them all and I wouldn't want to be separated because of my Neglect and as God pours out his Blessings on me. so shall his blessing go to those we Love, so lets us not be weary in well doing, let us not suppose our task is to hard, be humble and the Lord God shall take you by the hand and give the answer to thy Prayers, so in the passing of many. It has been a wonderful experience, and so I stop to count my Blessings, that God has given me. The air I breath. the Warmth of the sun the one we Love the Sounds we hear the Laughter of a child, god gives to us each day Blessings, but do we accept them with out thanks as we go on our Way.

This is Jan the 2 and has been a Very Warm Day But not to Warm for me the old Cold struck on us the other day and of course we had to have some one to get it started it cost a Dollar a small Wire in the Ignishion, We went to Bro Hudson's for Priest hood meetings, and to Day we Went to take Visited Bro Flamm and his dog got killed while we were there, Sunday we had a fairly good Group out to Sunday School Sat at Fast meeting most of the members, Bore their testemonies and I felt the power of the Lord. and I felt truly happy

that they were filled with the spirit of God. My Companion and I fasted for 24 hours, we were invited out to Dinner, in the Evening to Sister Forsteads, To Day is Monday and we drove out to Lake and helped Bro. Attwood Build his new home We have just about all the Partitions in, and to morrow will try and get the Ceiling Joyce on & Part of the roof if Varnish out to Lake To day, We had Supper and came home. Last Week June 6.7.8 we keep on the home again and Fri. 8 - that evening we Journeyed to Cambrook to a Wedding, had a good time met lots of Friends and made more of them it was cool & we men stayed for the Dance. Got home at 11:30, I didn't sleep the rest of the night My feet was so cold & when they got warm they got so hot I couldn't hardly stand to put cover on them, I didn't shut an eye. To day is Saturday, I and Ken out working on the Ground, had a good Day - & put part of the ceiling roof on One More Day & then we shall have to Quiote and get to work on our Necessary Work. The Weather has been quiet Warm But I have enjoyed it, and I have been able to learn some more of the Lesson. Last Sunday I was quit sick But now I have recoverd and feel fine again. I have lost a little weight But I wish I can lose more. Last Night June 21 Eldo Stark

and Elder Elwood. We over from Cranbrook
wanted to know how we were and how they
old car was holding out. Maybe he can
find another one over at Cranbrook.
We did some painting on Sister Forstead's
home. The strawberry time is on and we
haven't had very much of them, not much
doing around Creston, the school will be
out the end of this week or 1st of next. I
think it will be about the 10th. Today
Elder Hansen had his picture taken,
I didn't think I was needing any more
pictures, so I done think I will get any
of me. Last ~~Wed~~ Tues. 20 - the Mutual
had a Ball game. I was Capt. and I
went to stop a ball and hurt my left
little finger. It is quiet black but feels
better today. Next Sunday is Youth Conference
I hope we can go, it is at Cranbrook.
We didn't go to Cranbrook, the car
wasn't safe enough, But had a good
Sunday School and Sacrament Meeting
I am learning a little more each
day But it take a lot of studying
has been a breeze & cooler this month
of June will soon be over. this 26th June
Was out to Mr Craggs place & Good Fun
the Rain Drove, he seems be interested
and now he is moving to Cranbrook.
It is July and time is fleeting by. the
Berries and Cherries are being picked
and we hope had our share of the
Berries, the people are very good
they have given us lots of fruit and
We have Certainly enjoy [illegible]

our old car has played out on us
and so we are afoot again, last
night July 4th was Mutual and
the young folks enjoyed themselves. I decided to walk to Mutual
and arrived a little late as the
old car started. Got about 1st Ward
for Primary. About 9 great time a Ride,
A very Interesting thing happened
Tuesday 4th. I bought some things
from a fruit stand and the Lady
Clerk made a Mistake in my favor
and that evening I called at that
fruit stand and asked her if she
remembered me coming to the stand
earlier that day & she said yes
and I asked her if she remembered
what I had bought from her & she
said No. And I told her she had
made a mistake in change and I
had come to make right that
Mistake, it was a Matter of 50¢
and I gave her the 50¢ & she ask
Me who I was & my Name. I told her
I was representing the Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter Day Saints, and my
Name, I stated I was laboring in that
Part of Ensign for 2½ months and I
would like to keep in touch with her &
the Family and she said she was very
thankful that once in a while
some people were honest & thank
her and went on my Way But she
will never more of the Latter day work
here the season is ran with.

Yesterday we walk out to Sister Winstrom's, some 4 or 5 miles it rained today and so the weather has cooled a lot, looks like it will rain more, I did a little washing and now I have some clean under wear

July. 12 Elder Hendle & Elder Moss Wade & I packed some clothes and went with Elder Myers to go & to visit the Wassons and see if we could Baptize some of them, but had no promise, & expected to go to Bro Atwoods to see if we could get Dinner and we could they were not home dinner, We ate dinner and then came to Brookbank, Elder was staying at the Missionary Quarters, they use a Parlour of Bro Sweenys, it was a new home, & has a bathroom & toilet for the Missionaries last Evening we were met by Elder Clark, who travelled around with us all the way home, Bro Mellen & Sister came in Visit, was Wonderful to see us again & had Elder Hendle & Wade stay with them, Bro Mellen is a wonderful speaker he is a Good Man, when he past away, left five boys & Sister, for he had a Noble Mind & Heart, was he some Bro Preston & sister, they & the Rest of the Ward sent Love & Regards, Wishes to see us, & Boys I pray them always live that the 13th they can be among one of the Apartment for the Missionaries

Who Dave Allen away our night
to Make Contacts & Baptize people
at Cuttsville & other small places
Have a Very Swell Trip to Crawbrook.
Elder Fisher and Elder Sullivan, came
from the Presidents office, Elder Fisher
was as a Counselor to Pres. Wellsman
Elder Howells & Elder Hansen we left
at Creston, Elder Moss the tagging Elder
& I Visited Regal Homes and told Dave
of some of the Missionary Car troubles
and Elder Elevood & I studied to gather
and Elder Sullaven & I came back from
Crawbrook together We stoped at Yale
to Visit some Friends Bro Elevood and
Bro. Dragen & Family and Bro. We
had a Lunch time, then we drove back
to Creston, there were 4 Missionaries here at
the apartment, and Elder Moss & Elder Fisher
came & we gave a house full last Saturday
the Potts 3 children were Baptized, and
Friday after now the Mole Boy.
6 June 1861
This Morning at 7 am. I was baptized
8 am me the river was Clear & cold.
there were at 7 am - & Wife June.
Elders Fisher, Howells, Moss Sullaven
Hansen & my self, and Bro Crossfield were
Present, I opened with Prayer & Bro Crossfield
Closed with Prayer, Elder Howells Baptized
and Confirmed Bro all. at there home.
After all the Elders, took at & wife June
to a Breakfast, at the Hotel, at Creston
This Baptism Was Very Inspiring
and We all felt the Spirit of the Lord
it Was a Clear Morning and beautiful

Now and again a wild bird would answer the call of its mate, a soft Breeze from north east would cool the Branches, the Creek was Quiet in Winding its Way along the floor of the Valley. the Sun peeked it head above the Dark mountain top the tree shadows grew smaller, as the morning moved on, The tall Form of Elder Lowell stood in cloths of white Waist Deep in the still Part of the river, With his hand up raised he Welcomed in to the fold a new convert to the L D S church, one could not Stand & thank God, with out tears, The Joy & happiness Was felt by every one, One more Was brought into the fold of God. there shall be two of a City and One of a Family, it Was one by a Family, Elder Fisher spoke in a Low firm Voice and gave them Words of Wisdom explained the Courage they must follow if they Keep the Comd God has Given them, Great Joy will be theirs, Remember the

D. C. 18 - 10 worth of souls is great in the sight of God - 13 how Great is his Joy in the soul that repenteth.

To day is Thurs - 20. of July - The Missionaries conference at Cranbrook President Wellsmenn Was there and all in the Kootenay District President Gave us a great lift in being there he gave us a spiritual feast and he told us of the Greatest struggle

is on for us to get into the swing for God has turned his choice spirit loose to fight the evil that is waging cruelly the people- I am happy in being called and more happy to be called at it time, I have the faith and I know that so many people are groping in the Dark I am ready to put my shoulder to the Wheel. The Time has gon by quickly We are well into august, and wonderful times has past, Had in Cranbrook and Kimberley last monday 7- and had a Wonderful spiritual missionary Meeting Played games & I & Elder Bathowman Walked around in ~~City~~ of Kimberley Saw several places of interest, and saw the wonderful garden of flowers so many different Varieties, and shapes, Lawns inbetween each row it is called the highest city in Canada. has three levels, the old part of the city is the lower floor where railroads & old places of Business are located the second floor where Service stations & more homes are- the three floor is lots of New homes and Hospital, & Flower Beds are, On this floor of the City you can see over the rest of the city & see for miles South & East & West Beautiful mountains, We Journeyed back home that Evening and Glade for another Day of rest. We are now engaged in Petting the Water in

To the chapel and Wash & Toilet Bowls in & septic tank is completed, hope to fix the grounds around the chapel and get lawns planted, lot of work But hope to get the work done befor stormy weather comes, I have completed my 1st Excursion & on my 2nd with all the work we are engaged in I havent had time to do much studying. Our problems are getting less But we havent got them all licked yet as new ones keep coming along. But they are most welcome & listening, I am supposed to give a talk Sunday the Sacrament meeting, I have selected my talk on tithing, I hope to pay & get more to pay there tithing, a great commandment, of the Lord, & great Blessings come from paying it. We hope to influence more young people out to our Sunday School classes

I am thankful more so to be laboring in Oregon, as we become more acquainted We are asked who we are and what we are doing they are begging to recognize us as ministers of the gospel of Jesus Christ church, they even call Elder Hansen Mr. L. D. S Church. I told him all they needed to do was to put on the last word Hill.

and he would be a big shot in Canada. I really like it here in Creston, hop to stay here for a long time. To Day - Aug - 13 Sunday Was a big day for me I was called on to speak & I used my thoughts as given by the Lord, on tithing, and finding fait, I talked for 20 minuts and to my surprised I found how quickly the time passed, and who are responsible for the Children, and Om.. Night hood Keeper how much is your Children worth a tenth of your income so to insure them a chance into the Kingdom of God, Are or they going the way of the world, and will pay out to keep them on side of Prison Walls, for more than a tenth of our income Keep my comands & prove me forth with, or if yea Keep my comments then I am Bound & if yea Keep not my Comments, I am not Bound. It was a wonderful day, Warm But nice Sunday, we Shall Journey to Yahk this Evening, to visit Our Upper, We hope we may get these People to be Baptized this month,

Another Week has Passed and getting the Chapel ready for paint and Cleaning up around outside Jess Kept one Busy. Five Boys had very trying moments with Elder Hansen, I havent been able to help much with insulating the chapel, because I so much beat, But besides I Can't Clam-

around the way I used to do and he accuses me of telling him what to do; it seems that a station is slowly pulling us apart, I have never tried or even thought of telling him what to do as they say me, I've prayed about it and it has got me upset for a day or two, because he has shouted and yelled at me, because I've ask several questions, and he has on several occasions, said I was trying to run him, and I didn't know any thing, our mutual is just about ready to fold up. We haven't been successful in making contacts he won't learn the discussions, he goes to bed without Prayer, we get nearly nearly, But I'll keep on trying I haven't been able to put my mind on my studys. Discussions But God will answer my Prayers and as I go I just hope Elder Warden will also, With Kindness and Patiance, and humility, I will win the Love of the people and us Love endures, and Honor and unselfishness and memory, every Pain of the Heart and mind and spirit continues with us forever,

This is August 22 - My 1st Great Grand Sons Birth Day. Neil Ray Nielson he is the Son of My Grand Daughter Linda

oldest

and she is the Daughter of My son Ray, Smith.

I am happy today that I've remembered his Birthday, I have Near met him But I know he is a Great big Boy- and he will grow up into a fine Boy because the parents of this family have always taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and When a Building has a rock or Great foundation. it will stand a lot of repairs, Elder Hansen & My self have Return from Missionary & Our 1st Branch Conference Meeting, President & Sister Williamson & President Fisher & Elder Burton a Assistant to the Consol of the twelve were in attendance to those meetings & Conferences, the Spirit of Humility and the Spirit of God was with all who attended those meetings, the missionary Meeting was held Monday at 1 o clock 21- and I was called to open the Tremendous Power & Spirit, to developed in the Progress of the meeting was most powerful Elyn Wards, to discribe, Bro. & Sista Solverson were there from Kingsburg they are 1st Branch President, they have a wonderful testimony of the Gospel.

Each one of the missionaries were interViewed by President Williamson & Elder Burton, as How we are getting along & What we felt to Work keeping on

with our work, and how are our finances, and if we are worried or how about us getting along with each of our companions, Thanks to god, I had settled our difficulty and we were going [illegible] to Father so once again the spirit of Lord abided with us, at our Conference the Chapel was packed, and the spirit of the gospel was there as Elder Fisher spoke on faith and Sister Williamson Bish by kept spoke on Love, President Williamson spoke on repentance, & Jack and Elder Burton spoke on the obedience to the Law and knowledge of the gospel - Because of having some [illegible] calling, the story of the [illegible] with a shoe factory, in the Mint of the City, Starving our selves for fear of hurting our Friends. When happiness came at this very door, The Pensonians Spirit was there at 6.30 that evening a Boy Eighter was confirmed & one after confirmed that evening - the Spirit of the Holy Ghost was there, and Tears of Joy was shed, by those who were Baptized two & my Relatives of my family, one had 3 children 2 has succeeded her in Baptism, the Father doesn't quiet Ready, But the Pleadings of those Children to their father, that a Testimonies shown in helping them over Come Some

of his habits that I am sure he will be Baptized shortly. But these are the Joy & happiness one can witness, while working in the Mission field.
The Testimony Meeting held with the Missionaries Tues. Morning was with great power of the Spirit of G.d, Young Boys who has that Divinely force of the Spirit of the Gospel expressed their happiness & humility before, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, & many stories that carries the unconquerable, Dynamic Power, in the testimony of the truthfulness of the Gospel, and that the Holy Ghost, the Power that reaches out and touch the hearts of people, has begain to take shape and. many of the Prayers, and the work of the Ministry Was spreading among the people of all our Mission before. No one would except the Gospel. And Bless those Boys for ever they testemonie will spread thro out the Nation, until all shall hear their Voice, I was ill some what with Pains going thro my head, and I ask if the Missionie would lay their hands on my head and I was relieved of that pain until the next day then President Williamson said I had better go see a Doctor I succeed in getting him to see me & he informed Me I had a

Peiace of cotton in one ear & that the Nazel passage is stopped up on one side, so now I have that out I am feeling fine - again

Once more I find courage to stop and write a few lines as before Bed time, another week has gone by and only a small part of what we have to accomplish have we succeeded to do, to morrow is Sunday and I and thankful for that Day I had been studying & learning some scriptures, and while it seems hard to do I feel like I will be able to surmount many obstacles, and help the people to become more active and to lead a humble life

Once more the Sunday has come to my attention and reminds me the time is fast passing and while I am trying to study and do other things to help to finish the Chapel I seem to accomplish but little, I sometimes think, I being neglectful in the Passed, I am suffering of my own Neglectfulness. I guess when I was called to do missionary work, this is the type of missionary work I am to do, of course it is something that has to be done and I should feel happy at that. I am to a certain degree But our Mutual is slowly growing less, and our Sunday Schools and Church Service is not growing, I really believe

it is because we are not humble.
enough my companion hardly ever
Prays to gather, and he is the president
of the Branch, and I have lost the spirit
by teaching the gospel. some times I
feel like asking for a release and fading
away from it all. The testimony I have
of this gospel is very important and only to
me. But what good is it if I dont give
it to Others in testimony and in humility
I have been here 5 months, and I feel
what has been accomplished in that
time isn't worth it, and many boys +
girls could have heard the gospel if we
had been prepared to teach them. I guess
because we are old, we just dont seem
to be able to change with the times,
We are letting the opportunities pass us
by. because of our stubborn mess
to day the 30th of aug. 61 we go to my
aged finish the painting inside the chapel
I am not feeling so hot to day I worked
to hard yesterday. To day is Sat Sept 2
and We have just about finished painting
the Chapel. My hope are that we can
finish Tuesday! last week we had a real
nice rain and things are looking so
Green and the apples + Pears are ripening
and are turning red, they look so pretty
on the tree. Some are being picked
and soldes. this morning the Ox was
coped with Dew as we walked along the river
Great clouds of fog lifted when the
Sun came out, looked like great balls
of smoke, Sat me in mind that

Indian Summer Was Near & that Winter will soon be showing in the mountains, Autumn has gone and as the Maples Oak, Chestnut will be going to school, sleighing is in its heights and New Shoes & Coats & Dress will be Parading along the high way I've wondered how many will see the Way to a Godly Home living each Day & how Well hard to have that Victory in life between Right & Wrong but they do not Take Christ as their Guide, Regardless Might Have encountered in a passing life, to bring my Family to Belize I Was once Walking Out for their Welfare, Hoping & Praying for their Safely home, NOW as I am Standing on the brink of life I stand at the Cross roads, trying to bring that boy Wait to a Safe Crossing. With Love & Kindness in my heart I Pray for every one to see that Path Paths of Joy & Peace & his Ways. I was made happy today I received a Card from my Son Thurston and it announced a new son, and Grandson for me. 23rd Grand Children Born on the 5th of Sept. 1961 That is ten living Children & Passed away at 5 years of age I have felt most Better for I am thankful for the Peace & for the Answer to them in the Help of the Blessing the Problems that have Existed so like my Companion, he is

beginning to realize that this is the work for all missionaries to partake of the spirit of the gospel, to study and keep the people in the Branch, happy, and they will take a more active part in keeping good attendance at our meetings and Mutual. President Fisher & Elder Reynolds were here today and I enjoy them here as I know we will always receive encouragement and help to keep pleasing, above. And by and by discussions to the people in Creston I hope in this work and I am thankful for having had an opportunity to teach the gospel in this the Creston Branch.

To day is Sept. 16. Fri. 1 month ago I left Salt Lake. I thought at the time I closed Master, any kind of test I should come up against. But I guess I have failed. I am steadily losing my Missionary spirit, I have given all my patience and love in prayer & humility I have forgot for that last chance of becoming a good missionary. My Companion isn't praying only in the morning with me & I have lost all confidence, as he won't learn the discussions, and our contacts have become lost, & he won't go out to get more. We are trying to build this Branch up, But the Branch seems to me not encouraging at all. I go ask for a transfer, hope I may Elder Hansen was got a letter Saturday, so he will be able to ~~[illegible]~~ get things

going again, I guess I've been a failure to him and so may the Lord help me to become more help to him, But I don't feel like I can make a go of it. My heart is heavy and I am tired. I am sorry I have been a failure, because I supose I have sinned some while along the line, and I am being punished for transgressions, I've wrote to my son Ray. But don't know whether to send him the letter, I think I had better wait for a day or two, I haven't been able to study and so I haven't memorized any thing, have been working on the chapell. Just about finished I am feeling very low and I have prayed for the help that I must have in order to come out of it, if I could just get enough help to get the mutual going I am sure I would feel like I have done a little while here in Clayton. The Lord has promised us all the help we ask for if we humble our selves, and ask in his name, Rest not upon thy Victories you have won - your yesterday was ended with the sun if you have failed Surrender Not to fear, tomorrow has not come, today ~~has just begun~~ is here.

Sept 18- We were to Carrollwood to day & have a very nice Development Meeting with the Elders, The study Was the Holy Ghost - Many Beautiful things pertain to the Gifts and

Power of the Holy Ghost. things are noticable of Fall Weather. the different colors are beginning to take place, and as we traveled along. the summer seemed to have waned each succeeding day. with its Melancholy calm, its changing lights and shades its cool damp evening winds, growing more and more effective of Autumn I reflected back with many fond recollections of days spent in the Solitude of the forests, where only can be satisfied that Wild fever of Freedom, of which this - tells. where to hear the whirr of a wild duck in his flight is joy, where the quiet of an autumn afternoon smells, the dead; and where one may watch the fragrant wood smoke curl from the camp fire, and see the stars peep over dark wooded hills as twilight deepens, and know a happyness that dwells in the wilderness alone. the intense blue began to pale, and low down in the west a few fleecy clouds, gorgeously golden for a fleeting instant then Crimson, then shaded and clothed as the setting sun sank behinds the hills. Presently the red rays disappeared, a pink glow suffused the heavens and at last, as gray twilight stole down over the hilltops, the crescent moon peeped above the wooded

fringe of the Western Bluffs and in the darkened marshes, and Meadows below, stood deer knee deep in small streams and lifting their head instantly, became motionless, and absorbed, and as we near the home where we live, we sensed that the long day had ended.

Now another week has passed with out much excitement, But have accomplished most of the task of Painting and beautifying the Branch chapel. Waxing floors, and Dusting chairs, making it clean so that the Spirit of our heavenly Father may dwell there in, Two young Missionary Elders - Day to labor in this Branch. to establish Mutual work in with the mutual, so I Was happy to see them come. it has taken the burden from me, and I am looking for word in helping to get our Mutual going and teaching the Gospel. to the young People, Elder Colbert and Elder McGregor are new in the field, Elder Colbert has been in this Mission 6 month and Elder McGregor one month, We are going to move from this location and move closer to town in a 5 room his with Bath tub long enough to take a good bath, and hot water, plenty of space to hang cloths and study; the Fam of us were stay to gather, I am happy again for we were all be able to study together, then I can accomplish what I wish to do, learn and give discourses, it will put joy in my soul and thanks giving to the spirit by I

accomplish this. To day Was Sunday and we were invited out to Brother & Sister Crosfields for dinner, had a lovely dinner, and they are very nice people. I am thankful for this opportunity of having been called to labor in this part of the mission, Elder Hansen & May be moving from, to labor some other place. We have moved from our apartment to a 5 room home where 4 of us can live comfortable, we have a very nice location, Since the two missionaries came things for me have been better, as I've got to go with them several times and really enjoyed our visits with other People I loved. Have more fun a good time with out my companion sleeping, and embarrassing me. I have been out to Bro Josie Johnson's place in Yaha, very fine People and Bro Knapps, his Family are real nice & We certainly enjoyed our visit & got the location of Sabery Boys & Girls to try & get them on to Mutual, I am very happy when I am with them Tues & am beginning to learn the gospel and desire the spirit of the Lord again, to study together and have a good time at the study ing. My companion was very disturbed when I told him I Was going to drive the car for a week and when I turned the

I keyes back for him to drive for a week
He really got very angry - But
and left the apartment with out
saying a Departing Prayer with
the Elders so I did my self
prayed for his temper God him to
control it and be a better Missionary
The Prayer was some what
answered for he drove - along singing
and in getting he was to drive -
I guess he must be a little Jealous
Jekous, or it seems that Way he came
when we meet People, he just can
seem to smile and and make
them feel happy - I had Prayed
for that talent and sincerely
feel to welcome People of
Strangers to our meetings, the
Lord has Blessed me deeply and
Impress with a feeling of Love
for the People I meet, and for
this I am thankful for this
Calling in meeting and saying as
I had to Bring three Inquirers
to them last night, 2nd Sept
29 - if the Relief Society gave
a Opening Party and I had a
wonderful time, greeting People
and talking & Kiding, then along
Some Came in with sad looking
faces & I know if I can get
them to smile they will feel
better and have a good time I
love to mingle among them
and see every one is happy,

We have our house quiet comfortable and feel very lucky, But I suppose soon weed come along & give more money and we will have to move.

Our new Missionaires have give our Mutual a lift But it seems this area is a hard place to work in, it seems People eyes are surely closed to the true teaching of the Gospel,

I have been fasting for three days and I am sure God will answer my prayers it will be thanksgiving sunday oct. 9- here in Creston B.C. and it seems strang to celebrate this early- We are having rain showers and the fall weather is slowly creeping up us. Snow has been falling in the tops of the mountains, the yellow-green-purple, glow in the darkened twilight and fades as night come on, the stars light up one by one in that purple sky. and as we think of the abounding Wealth in the fields of golden hue, an abundence of health that deck our tables on thanksgiving being then at us Kneel in Kindess Grace give thanks to the one who is Kind and Patient, in our lives that we may be worthy of eternal, Elder Mcgregh Elder Calkins & I had a wonderful experience with a family the mother said she used to be a Mormon But when she was maried she was a very young and people talked a told lies about her and she had become hatefed toward those people, how do

see hurt our fellow men when we
speaks lies about them, We will be
held accountable for those wrongs-
The mother has 3 Children by her first
marage & one by her second. the oldest
Girls are old enough to be baptized.
The youngest is four. We missionars
were invited in the Father wasn't home
I had been told the Children were
Wild like deer, they ran when they
saw any one coming, But I found this
to be not so, We were received very
Cordeasley, and after we had been
there a few minits, I was surrounded
with the four girls, showing me
they school work, Dolls. Paint Books
and many other things, mery thoughts
were exchanged and when they showed
me their school Pictures, I ask if they
had one to spare, then it was an
exchange Basis, I give one of mine, &
dont know why they wanted one of me, so
I inquired they were keeping a remember
ence, and that my old gray head will
shine among those pages of time, The
Mother said she would let the Children
decid what church they wanted to join
they had been to two or three and they
dearnt like to go any more, I could tell
they were reaching for something that
would bring them Joy & Delight.
One small girl came to me take me
by the arm and ask if I had any little
Girls, I had a Picture of my Sons
Aaron's family, and I showed them, and

she said all of them are brothers and sisters. Do you like them I said I more than liked them I loved them, I put my arm around her & ~~their~~ eyes light up like stars and that Joy and Love she so wanted by some one, had touch her heart. They have a good mother, But without the true gospel of Lord how can a Mother show her love, as we were ready to depart Elder Colbert as if they wished us to Pray & the Mother said leave it up to the Girls, they said yes Elder Colbert gave a wonderful Prayer the spirit of the Lord Was there, it soften the heart of Mother, as the eyes were wet with tears, as we departed We ask them to come to Sunday school and church, as we left for our car they followed another hour hour, we explained the Mutual Program, The two oldest with tears in their eyes ask their mother if they could go. Elder McGregor gave them pamplet & Book of Mormon, they grab our hands as we said good by Please and come back, We will God be with you, all we left. in our day life you are called to make decisions, and die ask for Guidance to help us over the soft spots, and our Weakness. what the out come of Sunday and Sunday with that Family will be all to encounter, later, God Bless them that Some one will be at the cross roads to lead them on to the right Path.

Again a Week has Passed last Monday I with Elder McGregor and Elder Colvert we motored over to Goshen, to Bro Jos. Johnson to help dig a trench to lay a Water pipe we didn't get it finished But being it was Thanksgiving Oct - 9 we had all the Chicken fryed Chicken, won at all day - But did just about all the work. then we three Elders went to meeting at 4 oclock and had a Nice Concert Program after meeting Bro. Draper invited us over to their place at Kings Gate and we had more Chicken, what a dinner, From 2 p.m. until 9:30 P.M. Wow - We got home at midnight last Fast and Testimony meeting we had a large Cong. & last Sacrament Meeting. the 8 was the largest we have had since I have been in Oakton 70 people out, I feel Very bad for my Companion he has missed the Very thing in life that is so needful to be happy and Vertorious, toward Knowing how to express personal feeling toward his fellow workers, he has missed that I will comment, without it one can not learn worlds with out ends, the True forgiveness and sharing Love, Kindness, Humility, and with out these he has become a slave to commands to his fellow men, God bless him, that he may some day find this true happiness I am thankful for my Family I revere more every Day what they really mean to me I Prize them More than any earthly thing, they have been so Faithful

in giving me Joy and happiness the
rest of my life, I truly would like to
live humble I can finish this Mission
and can thank them all for their
Wonderful support, in this trying time
in helping me to courage in the
adjustments, I have tried to make, God
Bless them that I may along with them
that they can set an example to all
who they meet with, and those
Children, the Elder have given me
a big sight, and once again I am
beginning to catch the spirit of my
labors, as a companion in the district
We are beginning classes and it will
take time to get things going But with
God at the helm, we can't lose if we
do our part the passed Week I think
has been not much action, We Elders
traveled to Kimberly about 100 north and
attended a development meeting, where
all the Elders met to study the gospel—
well we had dinner and then after
that we had very good lessons on
Prophecy— it rained a little But
had a safe trip, I haven't as yet
seemed to understand why I am
here, I study with the Elder But what
good it may do I guess time will tell
I still feel my time is being to no
good, but with a little Conference I
am sure I'll get some kind of answer,
The Elders have gone out to Sister Linstroms
to get acquainted with her Husband
who is not a Member. Oct-15-61

this afternoon went out to chapel and sawed wood and tryed to clean up around the place, this morning went & helped Elder Kaysen to clean out sister ~~Schmid~~ schmids stove pipes to day was a nice sunny Indian Summer, Weather, this Valley is in its beauty, as the different colors, spread over this Vast Mountain Range, for as the eye can see mother Nature has decked with beauty, shads of yellow in to purple green and orange, silhetted against a clear blue sky. with smoke curls spring & rising for into the horizon like black clouds drifting mild they blend in to the dim of evening, the harf curved moon shines bright against the darkning evening tide, now again a star flashes on, and then we know another day has shortened our stay in this Valley. Again things that has happened during the week. has brought to my attention the work that we have donated to a non member who is in the process of building his home, hoping that the family will some day become a member of our church, This day is Sat. Oct. 21- and it has been six months since arrived at Creston, To night is Wed I haven't did I very much this week. My mind has been fixed on learning lessons, and Scriptures. My Companion has been called on a labor mission I have found out and that has been the cause of all our Differences so

I figured that that was what it was for but, as far as Visiting our members I guess I'll have to do it alone. To night is too beautiful and is cloudy - The Elders has had a discussion to give over Mutual was a wonderful one last night, the People seemed to enjoy it and We are invited to a Pot luck supper, will have to try and plan one, there were 9 Boy Scouts, 12 Girls besides the officers & teachers, 9 officers & teachers Next Friday we all motor to Cranbrook for a night of frolic, some thing for the Boys & Girls to look for word to, today is set, there 19 Girls & boys including my self, to the Dance & party at Cranbrook, so from what I hear, they seemed to have a wonderful time I enjoyed my self - as it was an old man is concerned. I tried very hard to get the boys to dance some of them did, and did they get to tired, I got in Telly to President Attwood, he was delighted on the reports that have been sent in as to the mutual activity, has made a wonderful progress, if we can get some of the Boys to come out. to even things up, I have been quite happy in the Church my Companion has taken since I started, he is a fine fellow & a good companion, for he knows the Gospel But he is like the rest of us he don't always live it, and so we get careless some times and both get a hold and

we get to see one another, but Mon Prayer & Fasting once more we are beginning to do good. Received a letter from President Wellemann today & he has been very tactful in explaining the cond of our deficiencies, and why some of those things come about, so I am thankful for the Missionaries who came & helped with the Mutual We are having a Officers & Teachers Meeting Sunday evening. Tuesday we are having a Halloween Party, I am sorry the Missionaires are not to dress in costume that evening. But we will have a lot of fun any Way. I am trying to help Lonnie Smith get his feet on the ground in this Mutual so when I leave he can have a firm foundation to keep going. I have learned to love these people in Ocalora I shall be sorry to leave. When that time comes & it looks like it wont be long. The people here said I should stay as they would like me to help them in the mutual ~~and things~~ said they had learned to think a lot of me. and they were thankful I had been able to stay this long. ~~But~~ they said they wont write to President Wellemann to keep me here, But that wouldnt be as good, cause then people get to depend too much on one Person, so it will be better to go like when & make new Friends, I am studying hard

and hope to get some more lessons learned, Frid. Nov-3. Stormy and Elder Hansen got sick while tracting so We came home, the Elder Cobbett & Megregor have taken our car & gone to Ypsilanti and maybe we wont be able to us it until next week. We can us the old car then, We two old stiffs can get along with an old car I am happy for those Boys to use it, have been out tracting the last week & Visiting Members of the Branch have felt better now We can do that I feel like I have Wasted to much of my time, this summer for I couldnt do much on the chapel our mutual was a success We had 30 out and had a Pies & Cake & cookies & apple cider, it was a real Party, Dancing & games, Everyone said they liked it Very much, I am enjoying my Part in Mutual, I recived some of my Books for mutual and one I have to pay $1.13 Thirty or some Bandalo-ras for the Blue Girls, I am Waiting to hear from President Wellsmann if I get transfered I've wondered where I will be going, We have had a Very Cold day, & looks like it will be cold to Night, I am studying hard for a lesson I have for Monday on devolopment Day at Cranbrook. looking for word to it.

Nov 18. and I haven't Written Very Much as I haven't had Very Much to tell about I am still on a Work mission, and studying a little and keeping to Strengthen our Mutual Officers, and Striving to keep the Members happy, and empore my self in learning the People and being an Example to People I come in contact with, We might We were invited out to Dinner at Ed Evans, Place

To night I have thought of writing of the Conference. it was such a ~~inspirational~~ inspirational conference. and so many there The spirit of the Lord was in abundance President McKay ~~Mc~~ Mannan, gave a very good talk, and the theme was service President Davis was a man of many talents, which he expressed in spirit + song - We are having a snow storm the snow is getting deep and looks like it will snow more. Yesterday President told me I would be leaving the 15 of Dec. in a way I hate to leave friends But I will go + do the thing. the ~~Lord~~ Lord has commanded, for I know the Lord give no commandment to the children of men ~~except~~ but he prepares a Way for them, that they may accomplish the things which he commands. 1 Nph 3-7 so, I am ready to go, I will always miss my Friends Brothers + Sisters But will be willing to make new ones, this is Monday 27 Nov. 1961 ~~To~~ day is ~~Monday~~ Tuesday - 5 Dec - 1961 Very pleasant day no snow, rained last night and snow is all gone - Quiet warm, I am looking for my call any day - now, I will be leaving Preston, I'll have a new companion, and Elder Hansen will have one two, he seems happy that I am leaving, last Sat evening went to Jeffery about a hundred miles ~~from~~ not East from Preston supposed to ~~go~~ a Rose Prom, But when we got there they had postponed it indefinitely, then were Duane Smith Mia ~~Carpenter~~ and, Gloria Caldwell Mia for Girls President, and Melvina Potts and Kitty Bettger, and my self - The Presidency

were Quiet Put out about Some me not letting them know of the Cancellation; But I suggested we go & have a Nice quiet Dinner for the evening, that pleased the Group so when we got back to Cranbrook. We had a Very Nice Meal. Fish & chips, & some Banna splits - took in the Christmas decorations about town and came home, that will be My last visit for Some time with that group I have learned to Love and cherish their fine Girls & boys, and I am going to miss them But I dont want to stay until I may falter in my Missionary work. My time is more Valuable, and I need to carry on the Lords work, for my time is short and my last big event will be to try and teach the Gospel and bring People to the understandy of it, I Haven't got time to Write letters and Do nothing, for the Lord said the Field is ripe and ready for the harvest & he that thrusteth in his Sickle, with all his might, the same said layeth up in store, and ~~they~~ shall not Perish, But bringth Salvation to his soul - Faith, hope, charity, and love, with an eye Single to the glory of God. Qualafie him for the work - Faith Vertue, Knowledge, temperance, Patience, Brotherly Kindness, godliness, charity, humility, and tolerance, Ask and ye shall recieve Knock and it shall be opened unto you. D.C. 4-Sec. So might it as mutual, Probly my last one in this Creston, B.C. Only Joy and happyness and Love. For those young folks, Can not be oppressed. They had a going away Party for me, and I really appreciated a

few moments, of Love and Humility,
I shall pass this way But once, any
Good thing that I can do or any
Kindness that I can show toward
any human being, let me do it now,
let me not defer ~~any human~~ or neglect
it for I shall not pass this Way again
The boys and Girls, ~~dear~~ many times
why I was going, so I said remmber
and mutual them, that's me. and I
said so I really wont you to remmber
that them al your life and live the gospel
of Jesus Christ, I gave them a Picture
of my self - because they ask for it.
then I red this poem. When I grow old
When I grow old and years are slping by on wings
I'll not have time to fret or reflect lifes bitter Stings.
For I must learn to calm my throbbing heart
and smile thro: sorrow stabs me like a dart.

and when my Frame is bent and hair is gray
I'll still find ~~time to~~ Much to do, before I pass away,
It may be I can help some wondering youth,
to find the path of Virture and of truth.

For as I journey o'er lifes rugged way,
I can speak a Kindly word to those who stray.
and if perchance, that some should follow me.
I must keep a shining light for them to see.

and keep my faith in God so clear and bright.
that all may see ~~the~~ find the path of right.
and tho my steps may fail and eyes grow dim.
I still must carry on with faith in him.
until the master calls - then I'll be free to join my
loved ones in eternity

And now I will leave Creston on Dec 23 - 40 I thank god for the wonderful friends and People of Creston. I shall remember them thro out my life.
I left Creston on the Bus, 9.40 a.m. and as I left I thought I should never see the Valley again, its not my intentions. We travelled over the Kootenay Lower Fly-Way - and at the Ferry we were stoped and had to wait until the Cars & trucks drove off the Ferry - then we proceeded to drive on to the Ferry - for miles you could see the snow capped Mountains, the Black Pines reaching for Sun shine a smoth breeze rippled the water on the Lake shore down in the clear Lake you could see schools of fish getting instructions from their superiour, officers, looked like they were preparing for a Hockey game, it took 45 minutes to ~~Cross the~~ to the other shore a few Horses, along the shores, of both sides, with smoke cierles from the Chimneys indicated, that Winter was drawing its breadth on the Weakest part of the house as the Bus slowly moved away from the Ferry and on to the shore, snow was ~~beeing~~ beginning to fall, the Road was never safe to ~~fast~~ travel driving, travelled along the Kootenay Lake for about one hour & turned directly West to the City of Nelson where the Bus Stage & ~~we~~ I waited for 3 hours for another Bus. I walked around town until I got tired, and finaly the Bus came we left there ~~at~~ about 2.30, it grew dark early - and we crossed

into Washington State, it took us about two hours to get back into Canada, the Bus was closed, & we were not allowed to get off the Bus while in U.S. Good old U.S.! it seemed good, to get there because no one was allowed to smoke in the Bus while in Washington. The Bus arrived at Penticton at 10 30 P.M. and no one to meet me, I proceeded to find the Missionary Home to the Branch President, and he took me to the Missionary Apartment Elder Walker & Elder Daley - were the Elders, Elders Godfrey & Irvin were delayed at Vancouver so had to stay down that night and late Thurs. Came to Penticton & we stayed over until Friday - Morning, Elder Godfrey My Companion drove a new Sampler from Vancouver & he & I left for Kamloops Friday morning & Elder Irvin left for Creston to take my place at Creston, We proceeded to Kamloops and when we arrived at Chase about 125 miles from Penticton our Ramble stopped and here was we had plenty of gas so we got a man to push us to a garage & they found that at Penticton the Gas tank Collapsed and after they had straightened it out the pipe in the tank where the suction pipe was was beat up & when it got down to the end of the pipe the gas refused to come out, so after some work & waiting we arrived

at Kamloops found our apartment in fine shape & so are all excited to sleep next door, where Sister Ivey and Sister Hermansen live. Very fine Converts to the Church. I had caught a bad cold & wasn't feeling very spry But finally got to bed and the first of the week I was very sick But managed to get over it, and so to day I am feeling fine. It is now Christmas and Sunday the 24th. I was to Sunday School and in the evening I gave a short talk on Obedience & activities in the Church - I talked for 20 minutes; our Purpose here is to help the Branch President Build up this District hood in this part of the Country that to get People to be more active, we will share the responsabilities with the other two Elders. Elder Waller & Elder Talbot for bringing more People into the Church, so we will seek out the more righteous both old & young - which will be most satisfying and to get a Church building started, so with our Prayers & also of the Members I know we will have one here in the Near future. To night Dec. 25 we are invited to President & Sister Kemp's home for a turkey dinner, and now it is over We had a wonderful dinner, I shall attempt to mention some of the things we had, turkey, with all the trimmings. Potatoes salads of lettuce Carrots, Cabbage, and Orange drink. Gravy - Jello. Whipe Cream and Pie & Ice Cream & Cake.

before we left in the evening we had a drink of Try- & Cookies. Lista Kenny's Daughters were there & son in law- so to day- 26- we are invited out to dinner at Sister Tracy's next Door, this evening we meett with President Kenny & Bro Glen Smith, to talk over some of the Problems of the Branch

Time Has Gone by so fast, and on Dec. 27 28-29 Seems like My Cold was getting better on the X-mas morning I called the Family each one in turn, I really enjoyed hearing their voice, besides Talking Care of missionary work, we had a Snow Storm & we couldnt go to Savoona, the roads were bad, I received Many letters & Cards for X mas and to day Jan- 13- I received a letter from the President of the M.I.A. of the Ladys. I will Copy, what she wrote me besides other things she Thanked me for every thing I had done for her & the Brother, I know it must of been the letter that inspired him, I got a letter from him and he will be home on the 11 of Jan. he said the Missionaries were in to see him,

God Bless and Watch over you.

as ever Gloria Callaway

This Boy is in a Detention home and he has said if he had, had some one to help him over the rough spots he wouldnt have been where he is now careless and miss Judging we can be when we cant even stoop to give a Small boy a helping hand,...

I am Greatful for the thought of others to Lyad me, most of all Grateful that I had a Knowledge to come and give what little help I can. to stand at the Cross roads of Disicions and Give a helping hand to those that are in distpair, a hand shake and smile, to drop a word of incouragment a word of Prayer with them, and show how imporatant they are, in doing there Part, in doing Good.

Today is March 3, and a lot of things have happened. The Weather has been cold But nice, ~~We~~ I have been asked to be the pec. so I have been getting the books straightened out so I wont have to spend so much time in looking up information. Continue to have wonderful Gospel conversations, and help to make it Branch grow. Last Weeke. I was to a funeral of the ~~District~~ President, Guy Gregson, he died with Leucokemia, a weird life for I was a guest at his home. I told the Sister Gregson of my experience with that dreaded disease, how it took my Wife and many others, and now to attend the funeral I felt humbly and lowly. The flowers and Sweet music, Pres. Dubois spoke and sang - that wonderful story! President Widdemann spoke and ~~he~~ spoke on ressurection and Bore a wonderful testimony, I Gather there were about half Mormons, there. Bro. Gunning drove his Car and we enjoyed the ride very much. Dan Kept Very Busy now with the pec. Job and tryes to keep up with the other work we have.

We have some laughs & serious moments-
Coming from Parma we saw many deer
and one jump against the car, & broke it
Neck. didnt hurt the car, a small dent in
the rear fender. Can see lot of Deer
grazing on the mountain sides now,
and they keep crossing the roads, so
we have to be very careful while
driving. I am thankful for the Privilage
of serving in this part of Canada
I have made many friend and hope
to make many more. We had two young
people Baptized, Johny & Bonnie Jean
Robertson, very good children, they are from
a poorer family but neat and willing to
work and do the things which will
build character & help them to live better
and grow in the gospel. I have become
interested in them in getting jobs and
help them earn for their clothing and
to help keep the family, & them selves
in school, have also contacted them
to see if it will hurt their feelings
if I could find them employment and also
plan their future in helping to support
them selves in school, Dr Hopies, and
look at life as a place to gain wisdom
& keep the law of tithing, & other commandments
the Lord has set up for us to obey.
On Monday - 19 - March, We are all going
to Vernon to a District Development meeting
We have had a fine trip and a very good
Meeting,

It is evident that the Baptisms we have been looking forward to is in the Progressing spirit, have had wonderful contacts with Polite Families and We are Calling regularly The spirit has change also in the Broken homes, We Visit. The Building fun We have talked about so long and hard, has been Progressing with the spirit of Success, We will have things as we Prepare for them, & Not, "it Can't be done" as I have been told so many times, as we have a Committe for Building & Spoting locations for Building a Chapel. The Lord has surely Strengthen my Knowledge and given me inspiration in handling Difficult Situations, I was up to Adma Lake it was a beautifull Sight, the Green Grass has Just started to grow. I will try and discribe some of the parts of this Part of Canada. The noon Sun was at its Brightess, One could fell its Warmeth, But a Cold refersh ing Breeze swepted from the North East over the clear Blue lake. that beckened the boatmans, & fisherman to try his rod and reel, high up on the Mountain tops above the tops, and White Eagle ~~soared~~ floated like Clouds, that reached out like feathers to tickle the sky, The Blue Grass where Wild life fought to exsist, Giant White Pine, Cedar, Pinion, and Native blue spruse, stood like Sentinels, ~~over~~ the Vast Mountain terrains, the Giants Power ful, Cuts and grades, were in the Process of Moving tons of Mountain earth, to make Way for Modern Travel, the trails Winding

Leads to
on the hills sides. where Great huge timbers
are cut and brough by trucks to be
Sawed to finished Lumber, these are dumped
into the lake and floated across to the
Large Saw mill, where it handles many
Thousands of feet of Logs each Day - the
huge machinery, that handles the logs
are like tooth picks to our handling,
Man has given much to society today
in Science and inventions, bring to My
knowledge of the Prophetigens, of the
auto, horseless Carrage. the birds that
travel by Night it Mathews, either by Day
the time will be like light many wole
suffer of them, Great shall be the
destruction in the rath of God, to
bring to pass in this the last dispense
ation of time, these are a few of what
we see as I travel to Preach the
Gospel, April 13 62 to day it was beautiful, and the
Small stiff Breeze from the North, we
Was asked to help with a discion on Posters
for our youth Rally. so many companion -
and I went to Bro. Jerowsky. there we
decided on the posters & took some of them
to the School, and decided on washing Cars.
Sat. I'll be left out of it, as I left the
home of Sister Jerowsky. She expressed her
thanks to us to have given her the needed
help to see the better life that she see
She had so selfishly wished for her self
and said she wished her father was one
to her like we had been to her, life is
what we make it, we either make it or
Break it,

The youth Rally was a success, and 200 of them gave their big ovation when the Elders came on to Perform, the Hall was set two light, and they on had a good time. The Conference, held May 5-6 was very successful and the largest crowd ever in the Okanagan Valley so the Churches increasing, it is easy to see as we move on many investigaters were out, The Lord is going to turn the hearts to the teaching of truth, and enlighten the minds of the people. We are happy for the way things seem to be turning out, Mothers Day is soon and as I think of that day for Mothers, I pray Some, But the more I learn of this Gospel. I know of a surety, If I live this Gospel I shall see My Loved ones, Some time Father the Son and Humility & Meekness, the head, reaches out for the Souls of men to bring them back into the Presence of the Lord, On May-13- a great and wonderful thing happened, Elder Godfrey & My self were at Meeting House & Elder Dilis & Elder McMullins, Come and said we were wanted to go to Vernon to Baptize the Baker Family, this was not a surprise But there Prayers & fasting, our Prayers were answered, it was a long Hard day to see Parents and Children, in bringing these People unto repentence & to Baptism; But the Glow, and Joy in their Eyes, I know the Power of the Holy Ghost, was working with us, and

abundance. arriving home that evening we were tired & soon slumber time to be on our into Dream land.
This past week has been Trying by foot & by telephone, and not to successful- so our time to fast to humble ourselves, and make our visits with People inspirational, and we fast for to do those things that may humble ourselves to receive those Blessings -

The passed week has been quiet a busy one - July - 1 - to 8 - and we have had some contacts of very importantence. If we can keep getting interest concent to keep coming back & know we will baptize them. The Weather has been cool & rainy, I have come to know quiet a few more of the members, & continue to visit each one so we can remember them and try to keep them coming to church Sunday School. The time is slipping my 15th month will soon be gone, and summer will be gone & we will wonder what has been done with our time, To day we had our devolop ment meeting, had a Nice Lunch at President Dravetts of course we furnish the eats, had a very good meeting I hope we can improve our attendance in our Mutual, I have had wonderful health, I am thankful for.

Well another month has passed July has 5 days left. & today is a very Stormy Day. I have tried all I used to learn the 2nd Departure But I began the Lord has really forgiven me. I feel it is no awful for me to plead, think of doing or going ahead to do Missionary work as I thought the Lord has forgotten that I ever came near to my dear people. I can't understand myself. I guess I have planned all the Hard work me to do don't answer my humble prayers or it seems I haven't had any answer for a long time. So I close this month July Not doing any thing towards the Lords work.

To Day - is Sat. 4 1962 - Aug. 4 a wonderful event has taken place the first Convert since I came to the Island and the City of Nanaimo B.C. Linda Fisher was Baptized 10 years old, the gleam and change of beauty and sunshine came on her countenance this day will always be a memory in my life. Our little cherub to come into the Kingdom so the Saviour said for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven No other time in her life will she be more pure, it is with my blessing that she may stay that way. A hard rain has fallen today But sunshine will be welcome tomorrow, Fast Day.

Aug-12-62- have come home to the apartment at Nanaimo, B.C. have been to a Missionary conference of the whole of the Alaska Canadian Mission except some to pop up in the Alaska. This was the most inspiring conference I had ever been to, 156 missionaries attended, marvelous, Pastor Hugh B. Brown was there. The spirit of God desired to be there in rich abundance Humility, Holy spirit of Love, Purity and Righteousness prevailed in that Great body of Missionaires, joy & shouts, testimonies, expressing Love, and appreciations, The truth was expressed, Tears, laughts & blessings. The day for a Guide that God lives and Jesus was the Son and People such was truly the Prophet of God. Chosen for to bring to pass this Gospel in this the last dispensation type, it was Great to meet old friends & companions, & meet new Missionaries a Banquet was served which cost was $2.00 a plate, the evening soon was turned over to the Missionaries with every thing we wanted to eat, Nothing wanting, the music and Program all with Missionary talents, Songs, acting Jokes acting, Speech drama for 3½ hours of entertainment many people came & listened. Such a wonderful time, all under Supervision, Sat we had Anderson Day in the for noon we was arranging us into

Gones. The after noon was spent in the evening Priesthood meeting wonderful talks on Priesthood and responsibilities, Pres Brown said a new era is taking place and the Predicted that after this Conference, this Gelachau Canadian Mission would grow, because God is going to help it so, But he Warned the Divil would be there to work hard & trick & disappointment, heart aches & trials, to Beat down the spirit of Missionary work & thirst the word of the Lord. He Warned us to be careful & most of all Pray for guidance. Sunday Was a large crowd in the morning 1975 People were there, the Prophet of the Lord Warned the people, that the time is here, to make up our Minds, what way the Path will lead us to a eternal life, God has given us a chance thru Joseph Smith Has made it for us to chose, Keep the Comments of God by repenting & enter the Waters of Baptism by Water remission of sins and the holy Ghost by the laying on of hands by one who hold the Priesthood. Many People who I had met & Loved were there, I am thrilling What a Great humbling experience the time in this Mission.

The month of aug is gone. Tomorrow will be a beginning of Sept - 1 - 1962 - and my time is being cut to 7 month

to go, I have been sick for about 2 weeks and this I have been trying so hard to keep going & still feel like we have accomplished a lot in bringing the members of the Nanaimo Branch closer together, & have increased the attendance and baptisms. Sister ~~Sidgwick~~ Peters was Baptized and we have another tomorow, Sept 1 - 1962 Was a Baptism for Laurel Gail McClearn I Baptized her 3:30 P.M. had a most wonderful Service and the spirit of the Lord was there in such abundance and many People were at the church those to witness the Baptism, She is a beautiful Girl and her Sister are wonderful. Sunday is a beautiful day Fast Day and many of the Members Bore their testimonies. had one of the largest Gatherings we have had for some time, Sister Linda Fisher left for Vernon today. We eat Dinner with her, and bid her & her Father Good by.
Bro McDonald Was Baptized 5th of Sept - he is 70 and he is a happy Man expecting to go to Salt Lake next years 63 - Oct. I will be home and he would love to go this trip Together with his Wife, Daughter & Grand Daughter, Phillis Orcutt left for Salt Lake and hopeing to go to school there, again I am wondering how soon I will be leaving from Nanaimo, The work here is slowing

And its a shame My Companion and I can not see Duke to eye on Branch work my Sister did a wonderful work among these People he is a Very good Man and wants to do Missionary work and I can't blame them for he has worked hard to Master the Objections and he wants to put them to work as for myself I haven't been able to Master them, But I only want to do what I can to make every One happy, When I see others happy I'm always happy.

Nov. 2 - Once again I am on the move. My Companion Elder Grave and my self has been called to labor at Duncan B.C. Vancouver Island. to help Build up the Branch and also get more of the L.D.S People to become active Moving Around was a very difficult thing as I had become so attached to the people for their Hospitality and Love one that found in that Branch, When I first came to the Branch there we only about 25 to 35 attendance, when I left there were average attendance of 75. to Sunday school and about 52 to Sacrament Meeting with a few New Baptisms and uncovering the inactive members, to come has brought the average up. so it was deep Love and affection we leave Nanaimo

Duncon is a population of about 25 Hundred in Duncon Proper But has a drawing surrounding Population of about 3000. We are in Lake River Valley auto Court, the rent is high Rent every thing is furnish, and sheets changed every Week. it is a small apartment But well try to get along the first month, the main Part of Duncon is fairly level and the Business Part is fairly close together that includes the older Part of the City. We will Labor here until the President wants us to leave, I may be here until I am released in April.

to Day is Monday the 3 of December 62. and it is quite clear skys. But as I look toward the South and west a huge cloud is making its way to ward Duncon B.C. last Sunday I we had our District Missionary & District Conference of this Island of Vancouver, The People were very humble and felt the spirit of the Lord, that some was called to Bear their testemony ones what had been Baptized only 24 hours, one woman was the result of Bringing 5 people in because of her Righteous living otters the Missionary sisters brought in or taught the gospel to them, One elderly man Came 500 miles to see a long lost Friend they both had belonged to the Methodist Church. at one time one

had moved to the Island, and joined the Church, the other one went into the sheep Ranch Business & one day this man who lived at Kalona with his sheep - had a very strong Urage to go, fine his Friend whom he had not seen for 25, 30 years, so he closed up his sheep ranch and came to Comox to see his Friend and among other thing they talked about was how they were getting along, with their church & the Friend said who lived at the Island, I belong to the Mormon Church and his Friend said what kind of a Church is that and his Friend said I'll have two ladys Missionaries come & tell you about it & 10 days later he Joined the church & was there to the Baptism and Service, he said he knew that the Gospel was true that was why he came over to see now he was going to tell it to his own folks & hoped to convert them, many other Converts declared to the same The harvest looks good in Duncan and I know the Lord will open up these people minds so we can walk into the hearts of these good People, we have met a few Indians, Praise us, we are looking for a good harvest among these Dec 10-62 The Duncan Branch was reorganized Sunday and two Counselors were chosen. Pres - Brandin chose

Keith Thornton as 1st counselor and My Companion Elder Graves as 2nd & I was chosen assistant Sec. it has been my mission to act in some part of the Branch. I hope I have been able to help in the Lords Way to establish Friendship & Love among these people, our mission here in Duncan seems to be getting Better and we are looking forward to a good harvest, I have talked to one of the Chief Indian Trib, she said she would like to learn more about the Book of Mormon & the People. will meet with her after X-mas-

Christmas is Gone for 1962 - and I spent a Quiet Day - in the afternoon We were invited to Mr. Ryzacks - for Dinner & Entertainment we gave them the 1st Discussion, then were invited back for the 2 - Jan 2 - 63 - Nice Day some times the Sun came out to warm the chilly air. I Recived a lot of Cards & Many - I Can't think of so much expressions of good Will & Love, shown to me as a Missionary Elder, I enjoyed the Letters and of the Several donations we recived for Dinner, Prospects for Baptisms look Prosperous, and we are expecting a few Baptisms in Jan. 1963 More then we have ever had a chance to get, looking forward to a Very Good week of the 1st week in Jan.

have had a lot of good Conversions and teaching. Some have not been able to relieve it in the light of truth, while others are wanting to know more about the Later Day Prophets & the requirements of Mormonism.

This is January - 19 - 63 - My Missionary work has been stayed for a few days Elder Crane was taken to the hospital at Duncan and I am sure he won't be there long - because of some infection he is made pretty sick. And I am alone, the day has been a long one and with my studies and writing learning scriptures, I will pass the time with good thinking. To day I send a gift to a young lady who has not been gifted with legs to walk on and, tho she wished to be Baptized we had to teach her the Gospel. so now she has become a happy & wonderful little girl - She said all she wish for was to have a white skin, as she is an Indian, I was to see her last week and she is becoming fair, her skin is turning white, because we love her she calls us Grandpa Smith and Uncle Crane. - So I gave her a wrist watch for Xmas, because being delayed by ~~Customs~~ Customs, she didn't get until the day. I hope she enjoys it,

Jan - 30 - and while Elder Crane has been in the hospital for one a week I have kept my self busy studying answering letters and working in the Branch, I am thankful I have the privilege of working with these people.
I was over to Nanaimo last week and saw Sylvia Peters she really was happy over her New Watch and she got a new coat & dress for Xmas, and she is certainly turning White, my missionary work has been at a stand still and I am looking forword to the return of my Companion soon.
We are having Cold clear Weather But it is Nice no snow the roads are dusty.

7 Feb 1963

I left Duncan the 14th had some very touching Experiences there and will allway Cherish the people & their Love for me, I I Expected to have 3 Baptisms for the 23rd and I am not sure if they will all be Baptized, I am Praying they will. I am Laboring with Elder Godfrey again he is a very good Elder and we are going to be a good team to gather and be the Means of Strengthening the Branch out and getting it Busy, I have had a very happy time with Elder Crane. he took sick & had to go Home & have an operation I hope he can soon come back to the Island & Baptize 100 Converts
I am sending some of my clothe home I wont need until ~~spr~~ winter, I soon will be leaving these wonderful

People. The greatness of being a Missionary is indiscribable, and with the trils & tribulations, we are stung thereby our coming ethre things and it makes one Realize our weakness and either makes us Better or stronger to become a better and Higher man to teach & Preach the Gospel,

the Valley of Kelowna is not New to me because a year ago I labored in Kamloops & I travel to Kelowna Quite regular to different meetings & Knew some of the people Ther.

last Week end. Elder Godfrey & my self took a spin to Kamloops, we arrived there in the evening of Feb. 24th at 6:30 but went to Sister Mccy's home found them fine, so we took them to Sacrament Meeting, We almost Caused a rite the people were so happy to see us that it was impossible to start the Meeting on time, An experience I shall never forget. a year ago Elder Walker & my self visited Bro. Kerr, his wife was not a member she was very Bitter, she ask us to leave I truly felt bad we had caused her to feel that way so I apologized very humbly. I left with I hoped some day she would make right I went home & I prayed for her then I saw Bro Kerr at Conference

in September August and he told me she was doing Pretty good & he had been ordained an Elder and was very happy, I met Sister Kerr at Kamloops a year later she had joined the Church and she was so happy to tell me and that I had been the means of her joining because of my way of handling her disappointment & she was so sorry about it, then she put her arms around me & ask my forgiveness, I was so happy that both of us was in tears but happy tears we was so upraised all knew how real this Love of the Gospel is, Deep seeded for the Brethren the anger that she had shown in her expressive combination of Love & honor for this Gospel. This is Gods work & he guides us in our words works this is Missionary work, & experience.

March - 10 & 11 To day & Sat. was Missionary Conference, it was like going to a Reunion District Elder were so many there that I know that, it was like going back home, the different Branches got to gather & Sang a Song. I Participated in that Song. this Conference was held at Vernon B.C. Canada again my weeks are getting to days and it wont be long until I'll be packing to go home. two years have passed so quickly and to have friends

and loved ones who I grown found I had gained a long memories in my life. helped me to more fully prepar my self to welcome my wife. Hazel. will be,

March - 23 - Have gained some more wonderful experiences as we met new people and hear them our testomy. We are striving to improve the Brand the President has grown away from the members, and he hasn't been able to bring the people close to gether he has been able to show his love and take them into his confidence The fellowshiping in the Branch has been very much enjoyed. While My health hasn't been to good I am able to get around and visit people with my Companions. I will soon be on the last few days of my Mission and, I will have to say good by to a wonderful people, But I will be looking forward to a glorious reunion with my family,

april 7. the Past Week has been a glorious week. Was over to Kamloops - & said good by to all the members & friends that I have made as friends. the wonderful friendship & Love that has become Part of my life with these People. Was invited to Kettle Valley on Sat - 6 to a Supper - about 100 miles there - President Green, has a

wonderful Ranch and we saw most of it, from a distant lots of Cattle and Ranches, a ranch for sale for $35000. with 100 head spread, I never learned how large the ranch is, had some wonderful eats, there & a good sized crowd.

Fast Day - April 7. Had a real surprise at Sunday school the Coles Family came out to church - Mrs Stanton & two children came out and it thrilled me when I saw the Cole Girl Gloria, who promised me to come to church before I left and they Keep their Promise. what a wonderful humble feeling one has, what a accomplishment to achieve, to find the Lord has touched their hearts and have been able to get them back into activity again, what Joy & happiness come to be Missionary.

Elder Brimhall & Conrade have spent the nights with us. they are traveling Elders,

April - 13 - saturday - The time of my stay in Kelowna B.C. has just about come to an end, in two more days I will be leaving for Vancouver B.C. for Home, it has been a time of happiness and Joy - in connection with Love & Kindness, the joining in the social activities, in the Church and Branches, of our Neighbors

it seems the doors have more been shut to us as we prelled to meet new people, they seem to want to know more about the gospel. We were called to go to the apartment of Bro & Sis Menzies, who had drifted into Sin, & become a victim of the law, who in desperation had told untruths and will be tryed in court Laws, This unfortunate we have visited and she has a desire to repent, But it will take a lot of faith and Prayer. I will not be here to see the case But I pray for her repentance, Sunday the 14th April 63. will be a Baptism. Sis Paint. She is a Widow, & has 3 children is 24 years old. I hope to be there at Vernon for this Baptism. I have been informed will be travelling by train to Vancouver on the evening of the 15th Elder Hale and my self will be Kelowna 6 P.M. and at Vernon ~~10~~ Elder Josephs will join us and at Kamloops, Elder Manning will join us & we will travel to Vancouver together.

To Day we help the Relief Society with a Sunday Sale - last evening the 12 ward group of 18 or 20 people from Kelowna attended a Building Fund dinner at Vernon put on by the Wood Family had about 85 there & raised over $100.00 this is put in to the building fund.

When one door closes, another opens; But we often look so long, and regretfully at the closed door, that we do not see the one which has opened for us.