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Notts.
England.

The writer of this is the forth Son of Simon Holmes, of clay cross,
Derbyshire England.

I was born at clay cross, in a street called by the name of monkey Park,
on the 10th of July 1867,

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And in July 1868. I was one year old, Then this took place, My Father was
a miner, He and two more left there home, to go to work, and when they got
to the pit bank, The tub in which they go down the shaft into the mine:
It was waiting for them, And it was called an hopper, and as they go down
in this hopper, they have one leg in side the hopper, and one leg out side
the hopper, It had a clives-spring on the hopper and it was broke and
tied with a peice of string, And as soon as they was all ready to be lo-
ward down the shaft, and the knock was given to go, The string broke and
the hopper and the three men fell to the bottom of the shaft, And when
the men got to them, they found that one was dead, and the other two was
very badley hurt.

At this time there was four boys in our family, William, Simon, Thomas, and
John, And as I was the youngest, I can not remember seeing my Father wal-
lk, which he never did walk any more, But in that day and time there was
no school board, so you can see that we did not get to go to school very
much.

But as time past by my Father's Brother, he did walk again and he also
went to work again.

But as my Father got a lot stronger, so as he could sit up, after this he
got a carriage to ride about in, But he had always to take one of us boys
with him, And after this he began to go to the church of England and us
four boys had to go with him, We had to go to that sunday school as well
, and he would see that we all went.

In the year 1877, My Father got in touch with the Mormons and he was ma-
de a member of that church, And he built a place for them to worship in,
but it had no gas to light it up with, and its light was candles at that
time of the day.

But as soon as the people got to know that my Father was a Mormon, then
the church sunday school got too hot for us boys, and we had to find an-
other sunday school, as we soon got the name, old mormons.

Then we went to the free church school, we was not there very long, be-
fore the teachers began to call us old mormons.

My Father bought an old poney and cart, and he took us round clay cross and clay lane and new market and other vilages and he bought rags and bones old brass and old iron and rabbits skins.

Now this free church sunday school, was run by an old man, by the name of grunday, so they gave it the name of old grunday's chapel, and it was run by old men at that time of the day.

One sunday morning one of the old men was having a nap, and while he was having his nap, the preacher was telling us how Satan, was going about like a roaring Lion, just at that time the old man was coming out of his nap, And he cried out are bless him.

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But as the time went by there was some Missionarys belonging to the Re-organised-Church-of-Jesus-Christ-of-Latter-Day-Saints, who came to clay-cross.

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And my Father got in touch with them, And he very soon found out that he had got into the wrong church, And when he saw it, He very soon came out of it, And he was made a member of this Church.

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In the year 1880, My Father was Ordained An Elder, and then he was made the Pastor of the Branch, and he work very hard for this branch, to help it to go along, why because he loved the work of his God, And also to speak of the love of the Son, of the living God, And also of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and he loved the truth of it, Why because his heart was made glad while he was speaking about it to the people.

Why because he new that this gospel is the power of God, unto salvation, to all them that believe it, And then I became a member of this Church.

And then I was Ordained a Deacon, in the clay cross branch, And we went out into the streets and into the vilages to preach the gospel to the people, and to tell them of the beautiful message of love and salvation, And also to tell them to repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins.

And we also told them of the beautiful words of Peter, a good Minister, for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Then Peter, said unto them, repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, for the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord, our God shall call.

I was thinking about this place Sutton-in-Ashfield, in the year 1872, there was a good branch in it, but the mormons got into it, and they very soon distorted it.

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But there was one good man in that branch, who stood by the church, he was an elder, and his name was John Hill, but as time went by he left, sutton and he came to a little village about four miles away to work and he got work on the roads to look after them.

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Now this village which Bro John Hill, came to live in was Tibshelf in-Deorbyshire, but we did not know that he was a Latter-Day-Saint, at this time, but I often past by him on the road when he was at work, but as I have been speaking of the gospel in this place for years, the new th- at I was a Latter-Day-Saint, and as we went round the village, we soon found out he was telling the people all about the gospel as we was and the people said why we have got another mormon come to live in Tibshelf, but we soon found out that he belong to our church, and as we got in touch with him, we soon found out what a loving brø, he was and a fine man too, he loved to tell the people all about the gospel, and the love of God, and also all the people who like to ask him about his church.

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Now this Bro, came to clay cross to see us, he was made a member of this branch, but he had along way to walk to the church, he had five miles to walk each way, But he had along way to walk but he was always at his post, for he loved to tell of the love of God, but he had always some good things to tell us, This man God bless him in his work, why because he loved the work of his Master; He was always ready to tell every body, who ask him about this church, and of the message of love and salvation, and he would try his best to lift you up and bring you nearer to God; and at the same time help to make your heart rejoice with-in you; He - loved all his brethern and sisters, and they all loved him in return, And when he preached to us he never left us with only stubble to feed on; and to nibble at, he had always some nice things for us to eat and drink.

Now if the Ministers of this church, would take more time to study the word of God, more than they do, what would this church be like, Why just what the Master. would have it, to be, If they did this, They would have no time to, go to the picture-shows, and no time to go to the foot ballmat-ches.

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Now these missionarys, came to clay cross about, 40. two 50, years ago, Bro J, W, Gillen, He was a good Minister, and able to stand by this work, At one time he had a band of Infidels come to our church, And they was going to turn all things up side down but they had not a leg to stand on, And they went away disappointed in them selves.

This Bro, was G, T, Griffiths, He was also a very nice Minister, and many liked him and his love for this gospel was very great and he did much good.

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Now Bro, Pitt, He came to clay cross on a Mission about 43, years ago, as my Father had to ride about in a carriage, so we went with him and Bro, Pitt, to preach in a little village by the name of Danesmoor in England: He was a nice Minister of the gospel, And I loved to go out with him,

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This is another good old Minister of the gospel, His Bro, James Caffall, He had always a smile on his face for all of us, and he was so sweet and kind to all of us, one time while he was at clay cross, we had a crate of pots come to our shop, and it was on a dray, and he was helping the men to get it off and it clipped and it knook him down, it might have killed and when he got up he had a black eye, and when my Father saw him, he laugh at him, Bro, Caffall, said why Bro, Simon, you would laugh if it had killed me.

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Now while we was preaching in Tibshelf, about 54, years ago, there came out a new paper, from Sutton-in-Ashfield, it was called the Free-Press, and it came in very useful to us at that time, we was able to get this work before the people all round for along way out, and it open up a way, so that we was able to send some very nice letters to the Free-Press.

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This is a letter my Father sent to this paper about 54, years ago.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir will you allow me a short space in your valuable paper in the interest of truth and slandered innocence, If Joseph Smith had more wives than one, it is most singular that he no family except by his real wife, it is something like it was a few month ago when the present Joseph-Smith went to Utah on a mission, and he was talking to one of the elders belonging to the Brightons Church, and the elders asked young Joseph - Should you like to see one of your Father's wives? Joseph said I should, like very much, and the elder took him to the woman and he asked her, Are you one of my Father's wives? She said "Yes I am, Joseph said unto her, How old are you? and when she told him, how old she was he said why you were not born while my Father was alive.

And this is why I make the bold statements which I do, because they are founded on truth, If Mr Ogden thinks I want to put him in a corner he is greatly mistaken, All I want is the truth to come before the people that they may be prepared for the great day of account, Remember you will have to stand before the bar of God, to give an account of what you are doing, fighting against the work of God.

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Now Mr Ogden, investigate the principles taught by the Re-organised Church of Jesus Christ, and if you find anything that is not Christ-like, then come out and expose them to the world, Mr Ogden says he can tell us were the true doctrines of Christ are taught, but it is not by any of the number I mentioned, Twelve hundred Different denomination, and none of them teaching the true doctrine as Christ taught it.

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Oh my God, what a state to be in, blind leading the blind, and darkness - covering the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people, God revealing his mind and will to his prophets, Amos Says, Surely the Lord God,

will do nothing, but he revealeth His Secret to his servants the prophets,

Yours Elder Simon Holmes, Clay Cross, Derbyshire- England.

(Truly)

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Now when Bro J, W, Gillen was in clay cross about 50, years, Sister Railing's Daughter Emily was Blind, And she was at our home at this time and they came for her, And her mother was going to the meeting and they took her with them, And Bro Gillen administered to her, And she received her sight, this was a grand gift of our God to our Sister.

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Now the place my Father built for the mormons to worship in, when he left them, they had to get another place, As they wanted it for their own people to worship in, and as there was no gas in it, they had to light it up with candles.

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One sunday night when my Father was in charge of the meeting, Bro John - Hill, was the preacher, and while he was speaking to us, one of the candles got very low, John turned round and said, Simon snuff that candle out, and we all smild at it, but he went on with his preaching, like a good old servant of the Lord.

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And as this work went on in clay cross, we all went round the vilages and told them the truth of the gospel, and while we was doing this we lost one who was our branch deacon, who was a good help to us in this branch, he left us and went to live at Sutton-in-Ashfield. And we all mist him, we called him funny old Bob, But we all loved him, And our Sister who he called our poll, but she was a good sister in this work while she was with us, and we all mist her.

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About 1880, Bro W, H, Greenwood, came to live at clay cross, as a missionary in charge of the Sheffield District.

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And he went to live in Bradley's row in clay lane clay cross, and his wife was very sick, and he had to do a lot of her work, and the women in that row gave the name of joey in the wash tub; but they all liked him and gave him a good name.

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And then I was Ordained a Priest; And then Bro, Greenwood, He went to live at Sheffield. And as Bro, J, Austin was the District President. we use to help each other, so I went down to help them, and they came to help us in Chesterfield, Bro J Naylor Bro C, Cousins, Bro J, Hool, Bro J, Holmes, we had some very good times on that market place, One time when we was there it was raining very fast and we was singing and are we ye a live, and shall see each others face.

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And as Bro John Hool, and I Bro John Holmes, had a task to fill in preaching up in yorkshire, and at this time they had a beautiful sunday school, and Bro Hool, had to go and see the mothers of these children.

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And he took me along with him, and it would have done you good, to have seen the faces of the mothers who belong to the children, when he went to their doors.

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After this we went to a conference in sheffield, and when it was over, Bro J. Hool, and I Bro John Holmes, we set our time to go and preach, which would have been a fortnight after this conference, but while he was at work in the week: the stone he was using it broke in too, and it killed him; and this put an end to our preaching in yorkshire, but we lost a good Brother: and a fine servant for the Master work.

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While we was preaching in Chesterfield Market place, about 40, years ago,

### Mormon "Elders" "Visit.

\* For the purpose of refuting certain allegations recently made against the mormons by an ex-mormon priest named Jarman in the course of a series of lectures recently delivered by him in Chesterfield;

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Two Mormon Elders from Utah visited the town on Sunday with the intention of holding two meeting in the Lecture Room of the Stephenson-Memorial Hall, but in consequence of the warm opposition and the rough treatment they received in the afternoon they were glad to abandon the idea of holding an evening gathering although Sup. Emery mustered his force in preparation for any emergency, At the close of the Elder's address a gentleman at the back of the room inquired whether any questions would be answered, The "elder" replied that they did not answer questions on sundays, The gentleman then asked if they would fix some evening during the week for the purpose, "All lovers of truth" had been invited to the meeting and he was anxious the truth should be elicited.

The two "elders" conferred together, but gave no answer to the question, the audience hereupon gave cheers for Jarman.

The mormons mean-while commencing to sing another hymn, At the conclusion of the meeting a large crowd assembled in front of the Stephenson Memorial Hall, It was not thought discreet for the "elders" to leave by the main entrance and they accordingly departed by a back door in Station Lane.

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They were, however, recognised as they emerged into St Mary's Gate, and they were followed by the crowd, many of whom obtaining a supply of soda from the Church-yard was passed, mud and other substances were thrown With a body-guard of police, the "elders" were escorted along Low Pavement, amidst storm of booing, groaning and hissing, The windows of the house where they lodged were smashed, and the door broken in.

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Elder Joseph Naylor, and Priest Henry Taylor and I John Holmes, we were going round to preach the gospel and telling people of the love of God, some times we went to ashever to a little chapel, and in the streets, some times to a little village called Morton and to Stonebroom and a lot of other villages all-round.

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After this Bro H, Taylor and I Priest John Holmes, we began to go to sutton-in-Ashfield, To help funny old Bob, Bro R, Rallings to preach the gospel to the people and the message of love and salvation, and when we went to help him, we had to walk 18 miles each Sunday, and Bro Taylor, had to walk 22 miles, each time, but we loved to go and help our brother, And we went a year or too and gave him help.

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Now as time past by I was shown: That I was to go and live at sutton, I was returning from work one night, The Spirit said unto me go to sutton:

And as I had my Son Simon with me at this time I said unto him, Simon we have to go and live at sutton, He said Dad we shall not go to live at sutton, But I said we shall, I was thinking about it all the way home, when we got home and we was having our tea, I said to my Dear Wife we are going to live at sutton, She said unto me, Why I could have told you that two years ago.

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But I did not want to go from were I was, For I love the people in this place, And in the villages all round.

But I had to go, So I went to see Bro, Rallings at sutton, but when I got to there home he was away from home and he would not be at home that day, but sister Rallings had a good look at me, She wanted to know what I had come for, so when I saw that I told her, and then she smiled at me, So then I went into the town, but I did not find what I wanted, so then I returned home, as I thought for good.

Then in a day or two, we had a Son come into our family, which made 8 - all to-gether, Six, girls and two boys, But still I had to go to sutton, I then made it a matter of prayer, and I said if I find a place I will go: and if I do not I shall stay were I am; So I went to see our funny old Bob: and he was at home this time, And when he saw me said I told, our poll, he was coming to live in sutton, He as come to be my Aaron, for I have seen that he was coming to be with me in this work, for he his, my Aaron in this part of the Lord's vineyard, And I know that I shall, have him to stand by me: this as been shown to me.

Now he said come along Bro, Johnny, and let us go and find a place for-you, so we went down to the New cross, and into a street called Redolife-street.

In this street we saw a empty house, He said now bro Johnny this house is for you, but I said how do you know, it might have been let to some one else, but he said I tell you it is for you, Then we got to know who belong to it: and we went to see the man, and I asked him if that house was to let, and he had a good look at me, and then he said yes, and he gave me the keys, so we went back, and had a good look at it, and I saw it was alright for us, so we went back to the man, and I told him I would have it, so we went back to Bro Rallings home, when he went in the house he said are poll bro Johnny as got a house and then she laugh.

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And now I returned home and I told my wife, I had found a good place for us, so now we shall have to go to sutton, our Baby was five weeks old, This was in 1905, when I went to live at sutton.

This then made two familys, Bro R, Rallings in charge of the work, as we had no branch, but met in our homes, but in a little while after wards, Bro H, Taylor and his family came to live at sutton, Then that made three familys in all this made about 17, of us and no branch,

Then Bro R, Rallings was Ordained an Elder.

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And this branch was Organized in 1905, By Bro John Austin, The District- President, And Bro, W, H, Greenwood Missionary in charge of the Sheffield- District.

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On the 13th of January, 1907, I John Holmes, was Ordained an Elder in this branch Sutton-In-Ashfield, England.

*John Holmes*

In the General Conference of the Re-organized Church held at Lamoni - Iowa, April 1913, I was appointed to labor in the British Mission.

Just before Bro J, W, Rushton, left England for America, We held a weeks mission in Sutton-In-Ashfield, And I Elder John Holmes was the first , speaker each night and we had a very good time.

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Now in the year 1908, Oct 5th, This came in the papers, and we had it to fight.

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A Mormon Leader Arrested.

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Mr Joseph F, Smith president of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake City. Has(says the Tribune) been arrested and bound over to the district court on the charge of living unlawfully with five wives, Mr F, Smith was later released on his own recognisances, The complaint, against him was sworn by a deputy sheriff, who himself was a mormon, And a mormon sheriff issued the warrant, and a mormon magistrate presided at the hearing of the case. Mr F, Smith arrived on Saturday from Europe his arrest followed the birth of his 43rd child.

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And as we went into the town to preach, our stand is the market place , and as Bro W, H, Greenwood was a little man, and as the people like to hear him, one of the ladys of the shows had some little round tubs and she would bring him one of them to stand on, so as the people could see him better, so after that they called him a little God on a tub, but the people all like to hear him.

WE got the Council school to worship in on sundays and we had to pay 5/0 each sunday, and we was in this school for a long while, and then Bro G, V, Willis, got us another place in Bowne Street, and we had that for a nice while, we was in it, In 1914, and we had some good times in it, we had some good Saturdays nights, in it, we had OXO and sweets and choco - lates and lots of other things.

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Now sister Rallings and sister Fanny Willis, they worked hard to keep this branch going they have done peas and carryed them close on a mile so that they could make us happy on the cold saturday nights some times OXO some time sweets and chocolate some times tripe and pies cake and, lots of other things, to eat and drink, and all to make these nights happy and so they did, with one thing or another, among them they got to gether (some were) about £20, pounds, and they bought a plot of land in Fern-St, Stoneyford Road, And it was let for gardens till we had to have a place of our own.

We was told how to get the money; And we got from the, Manchester-Latter-Day-Saints, Burial Society, We got £150, Pounds.

Bro G, V, Willis, and a few of us set to work, But the wether was so bad and it began to look as if we was not going to get it up, and we had to fight hard to get it up at all, but we worked hard, and we was able to get it, finished and it look very nice, and a fine place to take any one into, and a nice place for the sunday school, And then we was able to go out and, tell the people where we was, and the nice little place we have, And we, went into the town and into the vilagen to tell them of the Beautiful of love and salvation which we did.

Now we can return to our Bro G, V, Willis our heartfelt thanks for the manner he as looked after this building.

As we went along we had some good times in it, we held our Services and come to-gether in love we had the Spirit of truth with us, and our hearts did rejoice in us, when we had the Spirit of God with us, and we thank our God for such a Beautiful place.

Now some of the young brethren went out with Bro R, Rallings and I Bro-John Holmes, Missionary, and they took a Harmonium, on a four wheel carriage, which I made for them to go about with us in the street, the players was W, G, Rallings and sister Emily Rallings, She also played for us, in the Church, Sister M, J, Rallings along with Sister Fanny Holmes was a good help to us as they took the sunday school scholars, to help us to, sing this was a good help to us when we went on the market place to preach, And they put on the back of the Harmonium, The Re-organized-Church-of-Jesus-Christ-of-Latter-Day-Saints, As they loved to tell the people, what church they belong too.

Then some times Bro Armstrong would come along and bring Bro Mathers, with him from Manchester, And they always did us a lot of good, when they came to sutton.

And Bro John Austin, was one of the old timereen; And we loved to see him. This one was a walking and talking Encyclopedis, In Bro, Able Hall, from Manchester, he was the one to tell you about the book, of Mormon, we all loved to hear him speak on this book, And he his a very nice preacher too, he very often came to sutton, and olay cross, And he gave us some very nice Lectures on the Lantern slides, about the same book, And also about Bro-Joseph Smith, And his Bro Hyrum Smith.

Now while we was at clay cross, Sister Hill, Passed away, and in afew years after Bro John Hill, passed away also. Then my Dear Mother passed away, A few years after My Father passed away.

Then Bro H. Taylor, and he Passed away.

Now this brarch went on for about, 10, or, 12th, years, He was the priest of the branch and also the corister, and a gooder worker to, and he loved his work, and also to tell of the message of love and salvation, he would walk miles to do that, for he loved to do this, and I know that God did bless him many times

Our sister Rallings suffered much with Asthma for 18th long years; but she loved to go to church, when she as been very bad, I have heard Bro- Rallings begged of her not to go to church but she would go; This Sunday she and her Daughter Emily was going to church, she fell sick, and Emily and her mother let us return home; but she said no; And Emily came with her to church, And as they got into the room, she fell down as if she was dead, and when she came round she asked, Holmes, as she wanted me to administer unto her; As I did said unto her be healed; And she was right away; She was And, we all loved her And she loved us as well as this be treasurer for the branch a many years, One time while we were home, some one broke into the house; and took all the but we was sorry for her, And Bro G, V, Willis branch friend, to-gether and he gather for her, £10, pounds, to make things, we all now she was so loving and kind, she loved all her Bro- isters, And we all love her in return.

Passed away in Jan, 1926, We have all mist very much; I often have heard her singing in the meetings; This branch as not been since she was taken from us; It is not like the same branch, but her.

After Fanny Willis, his lost with out her, As they worked to-gether in love; But you know what love is when it is a true love, Our Sister Willis as known Sister Rallings ever since she was five years old; So you can see how and why she his lost with out her; Her name was Fanny Holmes then; but she his 49, years old now; And she his still lost with out her.

But this Sister name now is Sister Fanny Willis now; And she as worked hard for this branch, over since she was 12, years old, In the Sunday school work, and in the Religion and as the President of the Sisters meetings, but to day she stands with a sad heart because of the un-fair-ness of the Brothern and Sisters.

About four years after this, The Pastor Bro, R, Rallings also Passed away; Then Bro G, V, Willis was made the Pastor of the branch, And it went on, for a nice while, And we had some good times and things seem to go on all right, Then they began to treat the pastor with un-fair-ness, so he resigned as their Pastor.

Now this is the trouble \$480, pounds, in which the pastor & Business stood, But as soon as things was look into this where he stood it was only \$80- pounds, This in why they looked upon our pastor as beeing a sinner, but , how many of them thought, of this, Let him that is with out sin, let him cast the first stone at him, how many of them was they among them that , was able to do this.

Now they tell the people about him who they call their Master, which had one 100, sheep, but they for got that he left the 99, and went to find the one that was lost, and they also for got that he came to save the sinners but we see he loved the one that was lost, and to show them that he did love the one that was lost He set out to find the one that was lost, And as soon as he found the lost one; What did he do; Why he pit it over his shoulder, And then he came back to the fold, rejoicing be-cause he had , found the one which was lost.

I think a sinner, if he his a sinner; these are just the ones that have been past by in this case any way; why should such stand up so bold and tell the people to do that; which they cannot do them selves.

Under all these circumstance and what ever things might have been; we all ought to thank our God. For the manner in which our, Bro, G.V, Willie, as been able to put us such a Beautiful House for us to worship God; what a grand thing it is to know that we have such a sweet and clean place to come to meet his Son Jesus Christ, WE must be sweet in our hearts and , clean in our minds; If not we can-not please our God in this house and if we are in this way we shall neve pass by the lost Sheep;

Now my Father Elder Simon Holmes, was the one who found the money to have the clay cross place built for the Church of God to worship in - now when my Father passed away, then the building came to us boys, and as things went along they was not very good; Then we Simon and John and G.H. Holmes, we gave the church buildings to the clay cross branch, and it set them free.

Now I John Holmes, I am the only one of the ministers left of them who came to help to organize this branch in 1908, and I have seen some ups and downs in this branch since it was organized.

And this is another fine minister, John Hill, he was always ready to speak of the gospel of Jesus Christ, We know he loved the saints, and he loved his work among them; we work with him for years and we know his manner and now I am turned 72, years old; and I have stood by this work ever since I was 17, years old; I was baptized by Bro, John Hill, when I was going into 23 years old; so this makes me to have been a member of this church about 50 - years; but if we was as good as this work is true, and if we was as true to the work, what fine Latter-Day- SAINTS then we should be the true lights to the world, As the master said let your light so shine before this people that it may cause them to Glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Now the last time Bro W.H.W Greenwood, was in sutton I was very bad, and as we was coming home from church he said unto me be of good cheer for you have not done your work yet, but he also was very bad, at that time, and he as passed away since that time,

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Then I Bro John Holman, was made the Pastor, of the branch, but it was not very long before I was treated the same way and I resigned as the branch Pastor.

After this Bro C. H. Holman was Ordained an Elder, and then he was made the Pastor of the Branch, and it went on for a while and it went flat.

And then Bro G. V. Willis was again made the branch Pastor, this went on, all right for a while and then some of the members said we ought to have a place a bit better than this so that we could bring some of our friends to it. So then the Pastor asked how much money have we in the building fund, and he was told that we had only £11, pounds in it.

So then the Pastor put it before us, how we could do it, and it was expected; The pastor set too work, and we helped him to get the foundations, out for a new church; in Sutton-in-Ashfield, If it had not have been for the Pastor G. V. Willis, we never should have been able to get a new church in Sutton;

The pastor got the bricks and we helped him to put the foundations in; But let me tell you how hard it was for him, He had to do his own work in the day-time and this church work at night; he sides getting other things for the building of it; But we had one good work-man to help the pastor; that his the branch Priest, Bro H. Simpson, he did the mixing of the mortar; and he looked after the bricks as they came in, He worked hard Along with the Pastor; 11 hours a day, and he with the pastor got no for it, I am sure that (Many) (thing)

God will bless them for the manner in which they did this work.

But as Satan saw this beautiful building going up he was Jealous; And he got into the camp with a smile, and as tried to stop this work; but he lost his down, But the pastor went along with the building as well as he could; Bro H. Simpson looked after getting the ground ready for the floor beening put down in side the building, But I know he often worked with a sad heart, but on-ward he went along with the pastor; not letting every body see it; may God bless them both, and all them who put forth a willing hand to help in the building of this place; There is one Bro I call the old Jew, he his the branch Deacon, he was showing the young ones how to carry the bricks to the top of the building; some of us worked hard, while, some was looking for praise, Why because jealousy had got in among us, Why jealousy is an evil that the human family as in its various walks of life, and have to contend against, and also to suffer its effects; the origigne of jealousy is that source of all evil.

This went on for two years, But the Pastor went along with a sad-heart at times; but as soon as the building was done and all finished; The pastor had a bit of trouble, and as soon as this came out, all his friends left him, and he was no longer their Bro; but look upon as a wicked sinner, and he was past by as such one! As soon as it was made known that his Business had gone wrong, he was not wanted, and he was soon removed from his place; this was not all to-gether his own falt, what about the love of this branch who call's them selves Latter - Day - Saints.

NO.13.

(Baptism)

Now that Beautiful stand over the font, was made by Bro, J, H, Holmes,

The youngest Son of Elder, John Holmes, of Sutton-in-Ashfield, who had ,
to leave us and go to live at Boston Lines.

And the Organ stand at the end, was made for the Organ and the player
and the Chorister, by the branch Priest, Bro, Leonard Murfin,

Now in this branch we have four, Elders, and four priest, and one Teacher,
and three Deacons.

But under the sad circumstances, he as not been able to do his duty as
a teacher, as he would like to have done, he his a brother like this he
likes to think before he speaks, but things are not what he would like
them to be.

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Now our place in Register for Marriages, And the first to take place was
The Eldest Daughter of, Bro and Sister, W. Rallings, It was our Sister ,
Lily, Rallings , To Bro Harold Woodhouse,

Bro Harold , Woodhouse was Married to Sister, Lily Rallings by the +-
Branch Pastor, - A , Trenam .

Now the last to pass away was, my Dear Wife, Sister, E, Holmes, in her,
68th years, old, this was a very hard time for me, but the Lord knows
the best, She was a good Mother to her Children, and a true and loving
Wife, no better ever lived, for she was so loving and kind to all of us
She always wanted to go first, and she got her wish, but I am hoping to
meet her again very soon.

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