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We moved to Blackfoot  
in 1925 Spring

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Dear Father:

Please find enclosed my check for \$100. I had to say that just as you wouldn't faint from disappointment.

Yes we got the picture and it is so natural and so plain and good of her, I sure am proud of it and glad to get it.

I can see from your letter that I must have given you a scare when I wrote you, maybe I put it too strong. I can see too that you are inclined to feel that the time is very short for us to prepare for the finish, while if we had plenty of money, to send you so you would be independent, you wouldn't feel as much that way I think.

I can't feel to take your letter too serious Father about thinking of the riches of this earth so much. You have been a poor man all your life, and have missed, one way and another, a lot of things, that you might have had to make life pleasant, and no need to have detracted from your reward in the next life. If one confess that he must be kept poor and miserable in order to keep humble, then he is

but confessing to the world his own weakness, and acknowledging that he is not worthy of greater blessings.

I notice that all the leading church men are pretty well taken care of, and have got it by looking out for their material welfare so. I think that money can come honestly by keeping the laws of finance as well as anything else.

I don't see why you should feel that your boys must follow exactly in your foot steps in all things, and as for working in the church, I have carried a heavier load of church duties ever since I was big enough than my father ever had. And ~~am doing right now, and have no in-~~ tention of quitting.

Far from feeling fearful and weak and helpless, these trying times make me feel more hopeful. I feel my strength more than ever, both spiritual and financial than ever before. I did not know I could fight till I had to. I feel like I have just been awakened from a lazy dream, I feel that most peoples goodness, and especially our Manwaring's goodness, are more inactivity, or unintelligent labor, we haven't known the world and the possibilities awaiting the young man who will take the Bull by the horns and ride him to victory.

I am glad you can take comfort in your understanding of the Saviors words, and I believe that part of it too, but you don't have to be weak, poor, fearful and miserable to be meek. I hope don't need to be sore mouthed and exhausted to be easily guided and sensitive and easy to be led.

Now about that security on your money, you had better wait till you get home and we will discuss that part of it. - don't you think that would be better.

I have had quite a bit of work lately on the peoples canal so I have a little money. - along Potatoes are looking pretty good now so if they get fairly good in price that will help out.

Oregon is feeding steers this winter it sure keeps him busy early & late. The weather has been extremely cold the last few days and quite a lot more snow. I am afraid there will be quite a few spuds frozen in the cellars.

There has been considerable sickness here this winter and several deaths. Bro Rensens oldest daughter Daisy Green died quite awhile ago, Homer Hummerell) Howard lost a baby. The Highbecks (becker Olsen (lost his wife) Fred Hammond lost a 13 yr old boy and last week Sam Hammond lost his wife. There has been quite a bit of chicken pox and pneumonia. Better now.

James is quite well just now, heavy cold I think.  
Booil has had a bad case of croup, but is  
better now.

Altho it is extremely cold now  
we are having a splendid winter, the  
horses ran loose in the field untill a  
week ago.

Rabbit drives are all the go now days  
they are killing them by the thousands and  
thousands. Also poisoning them.

The first wood meeting house in Blackfoot burned down Monday night, from the furnace some way I think.

shall father get all the money you  
can out of the boys at Roxbury and then  
spend as slow as you can and when  
you think you are going to be up  
against it let me know and I will  
try my dearest to get you some, ha ha.  
And after this tight time is over we  
will all laugh together.

We wish you health and enjoyment  
Peace of body and spirit and all the  
best things that providence can send you.  
Best love from Arthur & Teresa.