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Mr. Jesse Crosby  
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Was it \$50  
that we allowed  
Segunda on the  
loan?  
How are the  
various wells  
holding out?

Zion City  
March 17-19

Dear Bro.

Your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> duly  
received.

Am writing again to ask you  
how to spell Segunda's last name  
I cannot remember.

As for Boss his original well  
account was \$50<sup>00</sup> and he  
paid me some along in work  
and horse hire etc, but he  
was to keep the acf and I have  
no record of it.

I have never taken up  
anything with him yet about  
some sort of markers for the  
graves - will you please let

<sup>we know</sup>  
1 what shape they are in, and  
if the ladies organization or any  
one is looking after the cemetery.

Things are in such a bad  
shape here in many ways -  
trouble, trouble, trouble sickness  
and death all around us  
that my time and that has  
been too much taken up  
among the perishing to hardly  
think of the mouldering bodies  
of those whose spirits are safe  
and whose bodies in any  
event will soon be gathered  
up and reconstructed again  
anyway.

We have gone on some  
way - I cannot tell how, with  
out income from the church

bearing our ~~own~~ sorrows  
which have been many;  
and going day and night  
anywhere, everywhere, we were  
called and could reach; among  
all factions here. The time  
has come now to put aside  
all narrow folly, and work;  
which ~~we~~ we have gladly done.

If it were not so I could not  
think of allowing you to  
send me any of that money  
here; & and even then it is  
only for a time I hope, for  
I must pay off those bills there.

Church matters are in a  
horrible condition - I cannot  
go into all the details except

to tell you that Mr. Lewis is getting exceedingly childish in his old age; and has grown so irritable that no one can do things to please him. Among other things he is, <sup>so</sup> unspeakably jealous of his position as S. D. that he is not willing to acknowledge any healings that come otherwise than thru his own ministry - whether it is his own Restorationists or some other division.

We have had a large number of very pronounced healings in our own little ministry - some of them very wonderful and a good deal of comment

has been going on about it,

So about 8 weeks ago he set us ~~at~~ out of position a ~~best~~ leader, and put an aged woman in the place who cannot get around much.

About this time - just before we had been instrumental in holding a whole family together that were in a horrible flight - mother wholly paralyzed as a result of apoplexy caused by news that her ~~son~~ some had been arrested as a thief. The woman got a complete healing - the boy got salvation - and I got him released from the grand jury without even an indictment than a

settlement out of court  
with the man he stole from,  
and at a time when there  
seemed no hope of anything  
short of the pen; and now  
he is busy here - I can hear  
him hammering away  
upstairs finishing the rooms  
where we hope to be able to  
take in some of those who  
need a place to go.

For this sort of thing, we were  
set out - even the janitor  
work in the Tab that the  
boys were earning \$500 a week  
was taken away, and it  
has been pretty hard sailing  
since.

Will have to pay \$50. per  
month rent for the rooms  
when finished; and the

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never undertook to finish  
them mostly on our acct  
I have done part of the work  
myself which will pay some  
three months rent in advance

We have been doing all in  
our power to help our  
fellow men and several  
times have had to go hungry  
and short clothed ourselves  
while we were doing it.

We have all been wonderfully  
well notwithstanding lots of  
wet cold feet and bodies this  
winter, and we can  
only give the praise to Him  
Who has done it.

I am sorry to say that  
very largely - at least the  
controlling element in what



we have considered the church has drifted away and settled down into a most pitiable, powerless churchanity telling about the glories of the past, promising tremendous things for the future; sailing at everything in the present and keeping its eyes and heart closed to the suffering wails of the present and telling the suffering ones that they are past redemption. In several instances we have ourselves gone to these cases, and in every case God has answered.

But the Devil is raging around a good deal; and just now we have some special sorrows and burdens; and

you must pray for us and help us all you can, if you are interested in the work in the spiritual front line trenches; for the Devil is surely entrenched here mightily.

I suppose you have heard about Father's prospective operation and Fan and Mel going out. I saw the girls in C. a few hours.

Have not heard for ten days how they are, but Father and Mother both had the grip then.

Oh how we wish they would let God have His way.

I wrote Father and Mother a letter telling them about our recent experiences here,

redhot, up to the minute  
healings - but have not had  
a word from them direct  
only a message from G.  
that the operation had been  
postponed, an account of the  
grip. I had a real good  
talk with Nell. She is not  
in favor of the operation, and  
said she would do all that  
she could to avert it.

Now I must close; and  
surely hope I will hear from  
you soon. Who finally got  
the drill?

In the Joy of His Service

Clarence W. Crosby.