

To Faith Promoting
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INTRODUCTION

It has been a desire of my heart to leave in writing the results and lessons of my experiences, that life has made plain to me, for my children and children's children.

At first I thot of writing some practical advice to them on Personal health, Physical or mental hygine and Physiology, but as I started to write this health message I found that on every phase of this question someone else had said just what I wanted to say. They had said it better than I could possibly say it and thot with more weight for they had developed their lives to some sperial points and spoke as one having authority, so that I concluded I could cite those books and articles to them and accomplish my desire to benefit them physically and mentally.

As I grow older my conclusion grows greater that the one thing more important than physical and mental health is Moral and Spiritual Health and in this most important subject I was even better qualified to write the advice and direct than in Physical health even tho I have recieved my diploma from one of the best medical schools in the land, and have practiced medicine constantly as my profession for twenty years and have taken two special post graduate courses of three months each in New York City during my twenty years of practice.

There is another diploma that is quite as important as my medical sheep skin and that I have held for over fourteen years longer than my medical diploma; i have also taken many post graduate courses in this line which have been varied. I refer to my diploma, my certificat of ordination to the Holy Priesthood which in part I received when I was twelve years old and the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood was bestowed upon me when I was nineteen years old. This Holy Priesthood and the Holy Ghost at the waters of baptism when I was eight years old. I consider these far greater diplomas than my medical diploma. From time to time I have had special opportunities to use this priesthood and see it used, and the blessings that flow through it from God to bless and confort his children; as I have spent my life visiting and caring for the sick in the commurity in which I live, I too can speak as one having authority and I can write things spiritual, health rules and incidents that have been written before and tell of truths that or the most part have come under my own observation or that of my family. In this field I feel I am prepared to wirtre and speak to my children and to your children.

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FAITH PERMOTING INCIDENCES IN THE LIFE OF T. R. GLEDHILL, M. D.

DREAM, TESTIMONEY NO. 1

When one tries to recall an incident that occurred when about eight years of age, his command of words seem a poor means to convey the thots of feeling he had at the time; for I remember very distinctly the wonderful comfort and assurance I received from this dream. Nothing that has occurred in my life before or since has thrilled my soul as did this incident.

I went to bed one beautiful summer night, the bed was on the shed over head of the cow corral. In the dream I saw a light off to the east in the heavens. It gradually became closer and brighter until I beheld the heavenly personage surrounded with light that equalled the noon-day sun. Yet it was pleasant to look at. The personage stood above the shed suspended in the air while heavenly voices sang the hymn: "Joseph Smith's First Prayer."

I cannot describe the joy and ecstasy that filled my soul as I heard the three verses of the hymn sang by unseen personages.

When the hymn was finished, the light grathered about my visitor and he vanished into the heavens.

I knew the words of the hymn when I awoke the next morning and I can yet feel the joy that thrilled me that night.

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THE ADVERSARY FINALLY OVERPOWERED

DREAM, TESTIMONY NO. 2

The following dream was given me as a boy of about ten years of age:

In constrast to the beauty and joy of my previous manifestation, I saw in this dream the opposite force and power in the world. I saw in this dream, while sleeping in a upstairs room in a farm house three miles North of Sigurd where we grew up, (six boys of us) a man the leader of many (a hundred or two) others following him. I saw this leader who I immediately supposed to be the Devil with his evil angels enter the gate leading to the house of our only neighbor. This evil personage took Mr. _____ threw him to the ground then ran and caught their baby child; put it under his arm and marched over to our house about two blocks further south. They entered our house and he, the leader, grabbed the brother next to me and the third younger than I and taking one under each arm started for the door.

The family all attacked him furiously and succeeded in getting the older brother from him. They closed the door just as he was about to exit with the younger brother. The fight and tug of war continued first one side and then the other gaining the advantage. Finally the devil seemed to get the advantage to the extent that he jumped thru the window and for just a few seconds he had the brother almost out of the house. All had become discouraged except my grandfather who had braced his feet against the wall beneath the window. He held manfully to this hold on the legs of my brother which made the rest of us take renewed courage. Seeing that Grandfather could hold his own alone surely we could do something to help, so we again took up the fight and succeeded in getting my brother entirely into the house and closed the door.

The devil and his followers left us and we rejoiced exceedingly.

At this point I awoke and pondered on the dream for about one half hour or so and then I fell asleep again and dreamed the dream exactly the same as I had before.

The next morning at the breakfast table I related my dream to the family. It was passed with a comment or two and I forgot it for the time being.

About two weeks later our neighbor, the man I first saw the evil personage trip to the ground, took suddenly ill and was bedfast for ten days. When he recovered his child, the one mentioned above, took ill and died after a few days of sickness. Soon after this my two brothers, referred to above, took sick with Scarlet Fever.

