

and went REV. WILLIAM HOWBERT was born near Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, February 2d, 1820. His ancestors for several generations previous, had lived in the Shenandoah Valley; his immediate ancestors had moved from there to Roanoke County, about the beginning of the century. The family was of German and French descent. The name Howbert, was probably originally "Haubert", which is a French word meaning "Coat of Mail." It is probable that the ancestors of the family had sometime during the protestant persecutions in France, been driven from that country and settled in Germany. After a period of time, having become Germanized and members of the Lutheran Church, they migrated to America and settled in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. Conference William Howbert lived with his parents in Virginia, until he was about nineteen years of age. His father had been an intimate friend of the noted statesman John Randolph, and through Randolph's teachings, had imbibed a hatred for slavery which finally impelled him to leave Virginia and move to Ohio to get away from the demoralizing influences of that institution. At the time the family moved to Ohio, it consisted of the father, Jacob Howbert, and his wife, six sons and seven daughters, William Howbert being the third son. The family located in Coshoc-ton County, Ohio, but they only remained there two or three years. The lack of opportunity to get sufficient lands for all his children induced Jacob Howbert to move to Bartholomew County, Indiana, where he remained until his death.

William Howbert had fairly good school advantages during his earlier days, and soon after coming to Indiana, he engaged for a time in teaching school and it was while engaged in this occupation that he was married to Martha Marshall, a daughter of Robert Marshall, formerly of Pennsylvania and a distant relative of Chief Justice Marshall, of the Supreme Court of the United States. After his marriage, William Howbert gave up teaching

and went into the mercantile business in which he prospered, but after five or six years, not being satisfied with the locality, on account of its unhealthfulness, he in 1852 decided to move to Iowa. At that time there were no railroads reaching that far West. The trip was made by railroad to Jefferson City, Indiana, and thence by steamboat down the Ohio River, and up the Mississippi to Keokuk, Iowa. From there the family traveled by wagons to Fairfield, Iowa, where they lived during the next two years. During that time William Howbert decided to enter the ministry of the Methodist Church. He had been raised a Lutheran, but sometime before leaving Indiana, he had joined the Methodist Church. After being ordained into the ministry and admitted to the Iowa Conference, he was sent to the Southeastern part of the state, where he had charge of various churches during the next six years. At that time the Methodist ministers were not permitted to remain in charge of a circuit more than two years, and more often a change was made every year. The Spring of 1860 found him located at Quincy Adams County, Iowa, where he had charge of a circuit embracing the whole of that County. During the preceding winter, there had been a great deal of excitement throughout the Western states over the recent gold discoveries in the Rocky Mountain region. The reports of the richness of these gold mines were very forward spring. Roads very dry and dusty ever since the exaggerated to such an extent as to cause a great excitement, The Lord direct. which by the Spring of 1860 developed into a widespread craze to get to the new region, people seeming to think that all they had into God's hands. Camped on the West Nodaway. Traveled 13 miles. to do was to get to the mines and pick up gold without effort.

William Howbert at the time had a family of five children growing up, and in his anxiety to give them a good education and start in life, after careful consideration, he concluded that

he owed them more than he did the church. After coming to this conclusion, he asked the church authorities for permission to

give up his circuit, which was granted, and in the early part of May, 1860, accompanied by his son Irving and a number of residents

of Adams and Mills counties, Iowa, he started for the Rocky Mountain region. Arrived at Glenwood about 4 P. M. Stopped at Brother Guyles's. His equipment was the same as was almost universally used at that time by those going to the Pike's Peak region.

It consisted of two yoke of oxen and a wagon loaded with provisions and general supplies sufficient to last for six months, as that was all the time that was supposed to be necessary to accumulate a fortune in the mines. People came from all parts of the United States to the border settlements of Iowa or Missouri, where they procured the necessary equipment and supplies for the trip. The two principal lines of travel for the Rocky Mountain region were up the Arkansas River and up the Valley of the Platte, the latter being the favorite route. The various roads traveled by those taking the latter route converged into the Platte near

Thursday, May 10.  
Turned out the cattle this morning about 3 A. M. and by daylight was so great during the spring of 1860, that from Kearney to the Rocky Mountains at one time, was almost an unbroken procession of wagons. In fact after Mr. Howbert crossed the Missouri River, he was seldom out of sight of wagons until he reached the mountains. Perhaps a copy of the diary he kept for a good portion of that year may give a better idea of his life during that time than it can be told in any other way. It is as follows: miles. Camped about four miles east of the Wahoo Branch, on the prairie.

Monday, May 14.  
Tuesday, April 10, 1860.  
Very forward spring. Roads very dry and dusty ever since the first of February. Began to think of going to the gold mines. The Lord direct. Four miles to water and timber; traveled some 20 miles more and camped on the wild prairie out of sight of timber.

Friday, May 4.  
Started for the gold mines. Feel to resign myself more fully into God's hands. Camped on the West Nodaway. Traveled 13 miles. All passed on pleasantly. miles, we came to the Platte River bottom. Timber and water plenty there.

Saturday, May 5.  
Traveled to Silket's mill and had some grinding done. Did not get to Red Oak where we expected to remain over Sabbath. Had a fine shower at night; traveled 16 miles to-day. the Platte bottom. Traveled about 5 miles to old Pawnee Village.

Sunday, May 6.  
Went to Red Oak, three miles. Camped and went to hear Brother Hughes preach at ten o'clock A. M. A beautiful day. Traveled some 20 miles up the Platte bottom. Grass rather scarce; camped in the bluff.

Monday, May 7.  
Got late start; camped at White Cloud. Another rain at night.

Arrived at Glenwood about 4 P. M. Stopped at Brother Guylee's. Family treated us with their usual kindness. Brother Guylee not at home. ridge road and found it to be excellent. Frequently in sight of the Platte.

Wednesday, May 9.

Loaded Thomas Guylee's things (he is to go with us to the mines) and drove out on the Missouri bottoms about six miles. Fine weather. in the mining region; he was recently married and has his wife with him. Had no nesting to-day, the camps were so scattered.

Thursday, May 10.

Turned out the cattle this morning about 3 A. M. and by daylight were out of sight; found them about noon. Crossed the Missouri River; stopped at Platemouth a couple of hours. Camped about a mile and a half from town. near slough just above where the bluffs extend to the river. Had interesting religious services at night.

Friday, May 11.

Started at half past seven; traveled over fine prairie. Found no wood; camped about half a mile North from the road. Grass good and a fine spring of water. east of Fort Kearney.

Saturday, May 12.

Started about 7 A. M. traveled without finding timber, but water on every side. Got to Salt Creek about 3 P. M. Found a good spring about half a mile northwest from the bridge near Mr. Schaefer's.

Sunday, May 13.

Camped on Salt Creek. Preached at 11 A. M. at Brother Pierson's and at four P. M. in the grove nearby. Had quite a turnout. It was very windy and difficult to preach.

Monday, May 14.

Traveled about 30 miles. Camped just above a ranch. Had to No timber immediately on the road. Towards evening, passed timber within half a mile on both sides. Traveled about 24 miles. Camped about four miles east of the Wahoo Branch, on the prairie.

Tuesday, May 15.

Grass and water scarce. Traveled some distance from the River until towards evening. Traveled some four miles to water and timber; traveled some 20 miles more and camped on the wild prairie out of sight of timber.

Wednesday, May 16.

Drove about six miles. at our cattle over on an island. Spent in a Sabbath. Preaching at 3 P. M. by On traveling some 6 or 8 miles, we came to the Platte River bottom. Timber and water plenty there.

Thursday, May 17.

Camped after traveling some 32 miles. Traveled all day from 3 Traveled over considerable heavy, sandy road up the Platte bottom. Traveled about 6 miles to old Pawnee Village.

Friday, May 18.

Traveled some 20 miles up the Platte bottom. Grass rather scarce; camped in the bluffs. O'Fallon's bluffs.

Saturday, May 19.

There are two roads here up the Platte bottom and on the ridge. Took the ridge road and found it to be excellent. Frequently in sight of the Platte.

Sunday, May 20.

Traveled some 25 miles to-day; excellent road. Camped on River. Met with Brother Adriance this morning, on the way to his field of labor in the mining region; he was recently married and has his wife with him. Had no meeting to-day, the camps were so scattered.

Found pretty good grass at noon; houses for the last several days every few miles. Both Sioux and Cheyennes.

Monday, May 21.

Traveled about 20 miles to-day. Grass and timber scarce on the south side. Camped on a clear slough just above where the bluffs extend to the river. Had interesting religious services at night.

Tuesday, May 22.

Traveled about 22 miles. Water and grass plenty by driving a short distance. Camped three miles east of Fort Kearney. Sick all day, better in the evening.

Wednesday, May 23.

At Fort Kearney about 8 A. M. Some 20 to 40 houses. Kearney City some mile and a half west; camped about ten miles west of Fort Kearney.

Thursday, May 24.

This morning a wounded buffalo came among our cattle. He was shot and we got some of the beef -- the first we had seen on the route. Found grass tolerably short.

Friday, May 25.

Traveled about 20 miles. Camped just above a ranch. Had to drive cattle over the River to graze.

Saturday, May 26.

Soon after we started this morning, we found a company digging a well. Grass and water scarce to-day. Traveled some distance from the River until towards evening. 2 miles from Freeman's orchard. Poor grass.

Sunday, May 27.

Drove about six miles up the River; put our cattle over on an island. Spent an agreeable Sabbath. Preaching at 3 P. M. by Brother Osbourne, from Appanoose, Iowa. Prayer meeting at 6 P. M. Fine grass and camped in a grove. Had quite a shower at night -- some hail.

Monday, May 28.

Camped after traveling some 22 miles. Traveled all day from 3 to 5 miles from the River. Passed Cotton Wood Springs about 9 A. M. the forenoon in visiting among the campers. Found but few who made any pretenses to piety. Preached about 5 P. M. from 1st Timothy, - 3. Hearerers, - very attentive.

Tuesday, May 29.

Traveled along the Valley of the Platte all day. Good grass about 3 P. M. Passed O'Fallon's bluffs. Passed Stony Point about 8 A. M. Traveled over sandy country all this afternoon, destitute of grass.

Wednesday, May 30.

Put letter in office to my wife; the third one have written. No timber at all on the river or anywhere in sight. From St. Vrain's Fort. At this place the road turns off to Boulder. Traveled about 20 miles Tuesday, May 31. and water plenty.

Traveled some 25 miles to-day; excellent road. Camped on River bank one mile below California crossing.

Good grass until towards evening. Water good and handy. Wood plenty. Good road. Friday, June 1. Camped 13 miles from Denver. Passed some fine springs this forenoon.

Found pretty good grass at noon; houses for the last several days every few miles. Indians plenty, both Sioux and Cheyennes.

We reached Denver at Saturday, June 2. city. About a year since started. All looks new; found it quite a stirring place. Camped Heavy, sandy roads. Short grass where camp was made. Brush only, for cooking purposes.

Friday, June 15.

Sunday, June 3.

Good reports from the mines but some discouraged and returning. Traveled some 4 miles and put cattle over the River. Sick all day, better in the evening. had a pleasant time.

Monday, June 4. 16.

Weak this morning but very much better. Passed a good many Cheyenne Indians during the day. Camped about a mile above the stage station. in reference to it. The Lord direct.

Wednesday, June 6.

Good roads to-day; camped after traveling some 23 miles. Brother Shvington preached an excellent sermon from "Thus it behooveth Christ to suffer etc."

Thursday, June 7. Heard Brother Carmack, from Illinois preach from a verse in the 71st Psalm: "I will yet

Good roads to-day; camped for the night near the station. Traveled about 20 miles.

Friday, June 8.

Soon after we started this morning, we found a company digging a grave. A man by the name of Hopkins died last night. He was of Dubuque, Iowa. Camped about 2 miles from Freeman's orchard. Poor grass.

Passed from a canon Saturday, June 9. about 10 A. M. Found fine grass and good water; soon after noon reached the top of

Traveled some 15 miles to good grass. At half past nine stopped for about 2-1/2 hours. Stopped again at about 4 P. M. Found fine grass and camped in a grove. Had quite a shower at night - some hail.

Some steep and rough road to-day, but solid. Passed a steam saw mill soon after we started. Fine pineries; mostly yellow pine. Traveled some 12 miles. Frost this morning.

Spent the forenoon in visiting among the campers. Found but few who made any pretenses to piety. Preached about 5 P. M. from 1st Timothy, - 8. Had some 20 or 30 hearers, - very attentive.

Some 12 miles more to-day. Rough, but on the whole pretty good mountain roads. Crossed the Platte about 3 P. M.

Monday, June 11.

Passed Stony Point about 8 A. M. Traveled over sandy country all this afternoon, destitute of grass.

Rough roads; some steep hills but short. Crossed the Platte some three or four times. About 4 P. M. in crossing broke wagon.

Good grass most of the way all day. Part of the distance from the River. Stopped for dinner one mile from St. Mary. Vrain's Fort. At this place the road turns off to Boulder. Traveled about 20 miles; found wood and water plenty.

Wednesday, June 13.

Good grass until towards evening. Water good and handy. Wood plenty. Good road. Traveled 22 miles. Camped 13 miles from Denver. Passed some fine springs this forenoon.

Thursday, June 14.

We reached Denver at 3 P. M. Quite a city. About a year since started. All looks new; found it quite a stirring place. Camped about a mile above the town. A dirt and gravel roof, if any roof at all.

Friday, June 15.

Good reports from the mines but some discouraged and returning. A German hung to-day for murder. He was of Roman Catholic faith. Called on Brother Chivington; had a pleasant time. The Lord help.

Saturday, June 16.

Remained quietly in camp most of the day. Was offered a mission in the region of South Park. Took until to-morrow to decide what I shall do in reference to it. The Lord direct. Some snow fell on top of the peaks.

Sunday, June 17.

Went to church in the hall over the City Drug Store. Brother Chivington preached an excellent sermon from "Thus it behooveth Christ to suffer etc." At 8 P. M. heard Brother Carmack, from Illinois preach from a clause in the 71st Psalm: "I will yet hope in God." Decided to accept mission offered by Brother Chivington. all the day calling on the folks at Tarryall Diggings two miles west of Hamilton. Found quite a few members of the Church; mostly Methodists and Presbyterians.

Monday, June 18. Found quite a number of fine appearing people.

Started towards the mountains; camped some 10 miles from Denver on Bear Creek. Most of the valley fenced up for ranches.

Preached at Tarryall Tuesday, June 19. and at Hamilton at 4 P. M. Had good congregations at both places. Fine looking people; 21

Passed from a canon into the mountains about 10 A. M. Found fine grass and good water; soon after noon reached the top of Bradford Hill. Monday, July 2.

I commenced preparing Wednesday, June 20. for myself; am chopping the logs.

Some steep and rough road to-day, but solid. Passed a steam saw mill soon after we started this morning. Fine pineries; mostly yellow pine. Traveled some 12 miles. Frost this morning.

Got all the logs chopped for house. Had meeting of Trustees; took steps towards Thursday, June 21. meeting of Trustees, concluded to build church in Hamilton.

Some 12 miles more to-day. Rough, but on the whole pretty good mountain roads. Crossed the Platte about 3 P. M.

Circulated subscription Friday, June 22. raised some \$200; selected lot for church and one for parsonage. Hauled logs for my house.

Rough roads; some steep hills but short. Crossed the Platte some three or four times. About 4 P. M. in crossing broke wagon tongue, but got off without much delay as some men came along and gave us a new one.

Started on in good time and fine spirits. In crossing the Platte Brother Shannon's wagon came uncoupled. The body dropped with the hind wheels in the edge of the water; soon fixed and on the way. After eight hours more of rough road, reached the edge of the South Park at 5 P. M.

Sunday, June 24.

Camped last night and to-day in a small aspen grove. Found good grass and water. We are now within five miles of Hamilton, where I am to locate the road, but sun shining warm; fine grass where ground is bare.

Monday, June 25.

Arrived at Hamilton about 12 o'clock noon. Quite a brisk place situated on the Southwest side of the South Park. Something near 100 houses. Not one but has a dirt and gravel roof, if any roof at all. Found quite a number of members of the church. Stopped with Brother Orris on Blue River.

Tuesday, June 26.

Visited around the town. Soon found some Methodist people. May I be enabled to do good in building up the church; the Lord help. Society of six members and at 4 P. M. at Breckenridge organized with seven members. The Lord was with us to bless.

Went with the brethren to prospect to-day. Found nothing to pay. Climbed a high mountain. The scenery very grand. Quite a rain just about 4 P. M. which continued until night. Some snow fell on top of the peaks. Dr. France from Virginia, with whom I went to school when a small boy. Started back to Hamilton and on the way at the mouth Thursday, June 28. met Brother Buskirk from Taylor County, Iowa. Found snow drift on the range and flowers. Most of the day at Camp; did some visiting.

Friday, June 29.

Spent nearly all the day calling on the folks at Tarryall Diggings two miles West of Hamilton. Found quite a few members of the Church; mostly Methodists, some Baptists and Presbyterians. Found quite a number of fine appearing people.

Worked at my house; have other work enough on my circuit, but necessity drives me Sunday, July 1st.

Preached at Tarryall Mines at 11 A. M. and at Hamilton at 4 P. M. Had good congregations at both places. Fine looking people; 21 joined the Church; formed an organization at each place. and let it out under contract to-morrow. Not enough subscribed as yet. Brother John Monday, July 2. in the day. Sent out by the Elder.

I commenced preparing to build a house for myself; am chopping the logs.

Let contract for building Tuesday, July 3. Hamilton to Mr. Odell, but he failed to give security and the contract was allowed to lapse. Got all the logs chopped for house. Had meeting of Trustees; took steps towards building church. At meeting of Trustees, concluded to build church in Hamilton.

Re-let the building Wednesday, July 4th. morning to Mr. W. Winslow at the same price as the first bid. This is the first church. Circulated subscription for church; raised some \$200; selected lot for church and one for parsonage. Hauled logs for my house. heart of the town.



Raised my house in Hamilton; hard day's work. Town improving very fast. Enjoying the comforts of religion; - a great pleasure; the Lord grant me more fully to realize its benefits. 20 remained. The Lord blessed those present. Six joined to-day.

Friday, July 6.

With shirt in one pocket, testament and hymn book in another and some bread and beef in another, I started on foot for Blue River; crossed the snowy range through Breckenridge Pass about one P. M. Some snow along the road, but sun shining warm; fine grass where ground is bare. Had gone prospecting. Camped by the side of the road at the mouth of the Canon.

Saturday, July 7.

Found some Methodists; met with brother Oldham at Breckenridge yesterday evening. Left an appointment for Sunday at 4 P. M. W. Went to Gold Run to-day; found quite a number of members of deep church. Stopped with Brother Orris on Blue River. Camped at noon where a woman had been shot in the leg by her husband a few days before. He was Sunday, July 8. Not and butted there.

Preached on Blue River below the mouth of Gold Run. Organized society of six members and at 4 P. M. at Breckenridge organized with seven members. Found several old acquaintances from Appanoose County, Iowa. The Lord was with us to bless of people here; mining pretty extensively. Brother Johnson preached at 6 P. M. in a saloon. Pretty Monday, July 9. Men, good order; organized with 21 members. Prayer meeting at night; good time.

Met an old acquaintance; Dr. France from Virginia, with whom I went to school when a small boy. Started back to Hamilton and on the way at the mouth of Illinois Gulch, met Brother Buskirk from Taylor County, Iowa. Found snow drift on the range and flowers right beside. as wicked as can be, but found many fine people; camped in the edge of the Park.

Tuesday, July 10th.

Friday, July 20.

Circulated subscriptions for building church; rather poor success. Arrived at Fairplay Diggings at noon. Went again to Brother Hall's camp but he was still Wednesday, July 11. at Brother Smith's, from Iowa.

Worked at my house; have other work enough on my circuit, but necessity drives me to build. July 21.

Quarterly meeting at Thursday, July 12. Brother Johnson preached in the forenoon. Quarterly conference at 4 P. M. Elder failed to arrive. Trustees met this morning and concluded to build church 30 x 40 and let it out under contract to-morrow. Not enough subscribed as yet. Brother Johnson arrived late in the day. Sent out by the Elder.

Love Feast at half past nine A. M. - a good time. The Lord was with us. Time was Friday, July 13. - 12 spoke. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered at 4 P. M. It was a season of re-

Let contract for building church at Hamilton to Mr. Odell, but he failed to give security and the contract was allowed to lapse. \$450.00 was the amount bid. July 23.

Started for Denver Saturday, July 14. Brother Johnson and Brother W. Some 25 miles out we camped for the night on the Platte.

Re-let the building of the church this morning to Mr. W. Winslow at the same price as the first bid. This is the first church under contract in all the Rocky Mountain region. Building to be 30 x 40 feet, 15 feet high and to be built on Main Street in the heart of the town.

Brother Johnson preached at 11 A. M. A good turnout. I preached at 4 P. M. at the same place, - Hamilton - from 1st Timothy, 2d to 8th. After preaching, I met class. Some 15 or 20 remained. The Lord blessed those present. Six joined to-day.

Spent the day in Denver. Saw Walter Bradford. He promised glass for our church at Monday, July 16. V. Sternberger who gave me \$20.00 in money. Bought a mule with a saddle and bridle for

Started for Arkansas Diggings, some 60 miles away, in company with Brother Johnson and Brother Mann, a local Deacon from Iowa. Stopped at Fairplay Diggings about noon. Tried to find Brother Ralls, but he had gone prospecting. Camped by the side of the road at the mouth of the Canon.

Started for Colorado City. Arrived in the evening at the place where Brother Johnson preached at a town; four of us in it; Brother Mann, Brother Davis, Brother Johnson and myself.

Came up across the range about 11 A. M. Beautiful, grand scenery. Large snow drifts still remain beside the road some ten feet deep, but flowers, grass and shrubbery indicate mid-spring. Camped at noon where a woman had been shot in the leg by her husband a few days before. He was afterwards shot and buried there. townsite.

Took dinner about a mile from Oaks & Company's mills on Plum Creek; didn't get to Wednesday, July 18. expected.

Camped last night three miles below California Gulch Diggings. Came up to the Mines this morning. A great crowd of people here; mining pretty extensively. Brother Johnson preached at 6 P. M. in a saloon. Pretty good congregation, good order; organized with 21 members. Prayer meeting at night; good time. at before.

Brother Johnson preached at 1 P. M. and 1 at six, on "Prayer."

Thursday, July 19.

Started for Hamilton with Brother Johnson. Quite a crowd in this Gulch; some as wicked as can be, but found many fine people; camped in the edge of the Park. from Colorado City, also two lots in the City. Stayed over night at Brother Coplens'.

Friday, July 20.

Arrived at Fairplay Diggings at noon. Went again to Brother Ralls camp but he was still away. Got dinner at Brother Smith's, from Iowa Springs, three in number. They certainly are a great curiosity. During the day, saw a herd of some 30 buffaloes; camped about a mile Saturday, July 21. South branch of the Platte River.

Quarterly meeting at Hamilton. Brother Johnson preached in the forenoon. Quarterly conference at 4 P. M. Elder failed to arrive. Nine members present. Transacted the regular business.

Fine road most of the way. Fine grass on the streams. Rained some in the evening. Sunday, July 22. for the night in the Park ten miles from Hamilton, but the camping place being unfavorable,

Love Feast at half past nine A. M. - a good time. The Lord was with us. Time was promptly improved. - 12 spoke. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered at 4 P. M. It was a season of refreshing. Five preachers and 23 members partook.

Worked on my house in Hamilton. Church building progressing slowly. All the logs Monday, July 23. and about two-thirds raised.

Started for Denver this morning with Brother Johnson and Brother Mann. Some 25 miles out we camped for the night on the Platte. Made and hung door to my house and moved in; not completed yet.

A great many people here Tuesday, July 24. that there are but few here comparatively to what there were three weeks ago.

Roads rocky. Met a great many people going towards Hamilton.

Took dinner just below saw mill and arrived at Denver at dark.  
Camped just below the City.

Thursday, July 26.

Spent the day in Denver. Saw Major Bradford. He promised glass for our church at Hamilton, and saw A. V. Sternberger, who gave lot and \$50. in money. Bought a mule with a saddle and bridle for \$80.00. Attended prayer meeting at Brother Chivington's; had a good time. Received \$100.00 missionary money from the Elder.

Friday, July 27.

Started for Colorado City. Arrived in the evening at the place where Brother Johnson talks of laying out a town; four of us in it; Brother Mann, Brother Davis, Brother Johnson and myself. Haven't much confidence in the scheme.

Saturday, July 28.

Selected a farming claim Southwest of and adjoining the townsite. Took dinner about a mile from Oaks & Company's mills on Plum Creek; didn't get to Colorado City, as expected.

Sunday, July 29.

Rode into Colorado City about 10 A. M. Found the people gathered together near the center of town, somewhat excited. Had just sentenced a Mexican to be hung for stealing horses the night before. Brother Johnson preached at 1 P. M. and I at six, on "Prayer."

Monday, July 30.

Selected farming claims; one for myself and one for Irving on Monument Creek, about three miles from Colorado City, also two lots in the City. Stayed over night at Brother Coplens'.

Tuesday, July 31.

Started for Hamilton; four miles out from Colorado City, came to soda springs, three in number. They certainly are a great curiosity. During the day, saw a herd of some 30 buffaloes; camped about a mile and a half from the South branch of the Platte River.

Wednesday, August 1st.

Fine road most of the way. Fine grass on the streams. Rained some in the evening. Expected to stop for the night in the Park ten miles from Hamilton, but the camping place being unfavorable, we went on to Hamilton, where we arrived about 11 P. M.

Thursday, August 2.

Worked on my house in Hamilton. Church building progressing slowly. All the logs on the ground and about two-thirds raised.

Friday, August 3.

Made and hung door to my house and moved in; not completed yet. A great many people have left here, so that there are but few here comparatively to what there were three weeks ago.

Did some collecting on church; poor success. Received Sunday school books by team from Denver. A good beginning in Sunday school cause. May it continue and increase and become a lasting blessing to the rising generation.

Went towards Fairplay Sunday, August 5.

Preached at Fairplay at 11 A. M. on "Prayer". The first time I have preached here. Attended a funeral at Buckskin Joe at 4 P. M. of a young man who shot himself accidentally. Had Brother Girtten's cattle and wagon.

Monday, August 6.

Friday, September 7.

Returned to Hamilton and found the Elder, Brother Chivington there. He preached at night at Hamilton.

Tuesday, August 7.

Planned to start for California Gulch this morning but party failed to bring in Brother Chivington's mule, so we didn't get off. Stayed with them.

Wednesday, August 8.

Still detained, waiting for the mule all day. Attended a funeral here at 4 P. M. A young man named Randall died of the fever. Preached at Gold Run at night.

Thursday, August 9.

Monday, September 10.

Got started for California Gulch. Brother Chivington and Johnson with me. We took dinner with Brother Ralls at Fairplay; then struck out on pack trail; with great difficulty got up on the east side of the range. Finally had to lay out all night without food or bed for selves, or food for animals.

Tuesday, September 11.

Friday, August 10.

Returned home at Hamilton.

With great difficulty got the mules out over the rocks; after getting to grass, we let them graze awhile. Then we started and reached California Gulch about 11 A. M.

At home.

Saturday, August 11.

Thursday, September 13.

Returning, we camped last night about 12 miles from Fairplay. Started this morning for Blue River. Arrived at Beckenridge about 3 P. M. Held quarterly conference at 6. The Elder preached at night. Had a prayer meeting.

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Friday, September 14.

Saturday, September 1.

Worked on chimney in morning but a snow storm came up that returned from Hamilton to Colorado City, year in the Park.

Sunday, September 2. 15.

Preached at Fairplay Gulch at 11 A. M. from 11 Timothy, 1 to 7. Buckskin Joe at 4 P. M. Met with C. S. Rice, an acquaintance of Brother Wesley Irwin. Everything passed off very harmoniously.

Monday, September 3.

Sunday, September 16.

Stopped last night with old Mr. Shay. Started home after breakfast. Went to Fairplay. Took dinner with Brother Likens. Arrived at Hamilton an hour or so before night.

Tuesday, September 4.  
Cass home and reached here in company with the Elder.

Home all day attending to domestic affairs.

Wednesday, September 5.

Irving started home in fine health and spirits. Brothers Schumann, Went towards Fairplay to cut some hay. Felt a little homesick for the first.

Thursday, September 6.

Mowed until nearly noon; started back about 4 P. M. Had Brother Girten's cattle and wagon. On, but I want to see my folks! But duty says stay and I submit myself to the will of the Lord.

Friday, September 7.

At home most of the day.

Saturday, September 8.

Made several pastoral visits in the Park and Diggings. People seen very friendly. Some fine families here. Mr. Cass, Gosad, Started for Blue River. Got to Breckenridge about sunset. Went to Nigger Gulch after dark. Found Dr. Adair and Brother Cornell and stayed with them.

Sunday, September 9.

At home preparing my notes. Went to Breckenridge; preached at 11 A. M. Small turnout. Pretty good time. Breckenridge is one of the hardest places I know of. Preached at Gold Run at night. Good congregation; hope some good accomplished.

Monday, September 10.

Stopped at Galena Gulch for dinner. Mining is pretty good here. Found several brethren that had joined the church at other places. Preached at Galena Gulch at night.

Tuesday, September 11.

Returned home at Hamilton. Girten and some others, went to cut hay.

Wednesday, September 12.

At home. Oliver Kirkpatrick to Sarah Hamill, - the first couple married in Hamilton. Went to Fairplay. Found the house where we usually hold meetings gone. The most of the people have gone from Bucksin so that I didn't go there.

Thursday, September 13.

At home building chimney at my house. Had appointment to preach at night at Brother Sloan's but only three or four out and didn't preach. Had a prayer meeting.

Friday, September 14.

Took dinner at Tarryall Diggings with a Presbyterian Brother by the name of Cass. Their house is one of my preaching places. Went to Blue River. Stayed with Mr. Worked on my chimney in the morning but a snow storm came up that stopped me. The first snow storm of the year in the Park.

Saturday, September 15.

Preached at Breckenridge at 11 A. M. from 1st Chapter of James. Went to Georgia Gulch to attend the third quarterly meeting. Elder was there. Preached about 3 P. M. Immediately afterwards the quarterly conference convened. Everything passed off very harmoniously.

Sunday, September 16.

Love Feast at 9 A. M. Later preached at 11 and at night; four joined by letter.

Came home and reached here in company with the Elder.

Waited all day for the return of Sharp's horse which he loaned in the morning. Tuesday, September 18. Took dinner with a colored man by the name of Dennis. Irving started home in fine health and spirits. Brothers Schumann, Harlow and Query went in the company. Felt a little homesick for the first.

Traded for young horse to return home. Stopped with Brother Riddell and Smith, Wednesday, September 19.

Hauled some slabs. Worked on the stable. Snowed a little. Wrote a letter to my wife. Oh, but I want to see my folks! But duty says stay and I submit cheerfully. Weather still. Cool nights but clear and dry. It has been so nearly all the time for a month. Friday, September 21.

Made several pastoral visits in the Tarryall Diggings. People seem very friendly. Some fine families here. Mr. Case, Cosad, Anderson and others whose names I do not remember. Thursday, October 11.

Saturday, September 22.

At home preparing my house for winter. Somewhat slowly, but get along much better than I expected. Sunday, September 23.

Preached at Hamilton; small congregation. Brother Palmer preached for me at night at Tarryall. Good congregation; hope some good accomplished. Arrived at Tarryall before 11 o'clock. Stopped with Mr. Gilson over night. Saturday, October 13.

Monday, September 24.

Making pastoral visits in Hamilton. M. and at Galena Gulch at night. The Lord blessed me very much in trying to preach to-day. Tuesday, September 25.

In company with Brother Girten and some others, went to cut hay. Returned to Hamilton. Mr. Carlisle stayed with me over night. He is an old acquaintance. Sunday, September 30.

Married Oliver Kirkpatrick to Sarah Hamill, - the first couple married in Hamilton. Went to Fairplay. Found the house where we usually hold meeting shut up and the man gone. The most of the people have gone from Buckskin Joe so that I didn't go there. Sends me a certificate of location. Saturday, October 6.

Took dinner at Tarryall Diggings with a Presbyterian Brother by the name of Case. Had a very pleasant time. Their house is one of my preaching places. I went to Blue River. Stayed with Mr. Duncan. Sunday, October 7.

Preached at Breckenridge at 11 A. M. from 1st Chapter of James. Preached at Gold Run at 4 P. M. Brother Sharp collected \$8.00 quarterage for me. Quite a number are going to winter in this Gulch. Sunday, October 21.

Preached at Hamilton at 11 A. M. Small turnout. Tarryall Diggings at 3 P. M. and again at the town of Tarryall in the evening. Monday, October 22.

An election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Councilman and Representatives for provisional government to-day. Voted for Dr.

Monday, October 8.  
Waited all day for the return of Sharp's horse which he loaned in the morning. Made several visits among the people. Took dinner with a colored man by the name of Dennis. Brother Crawford and Brother Query.

Tuesday, October 9.

Traded for young horse to return home. Stopped with Brother Riddell and Smith, on Illinois Gulch. Brother Gilson stayed over night with me.

Wednesday, October 10.

Worked on my stable roof. Fine weather still. Cool nights but clear and dry. It has been so nearly all the time for a month. Moderated towards evening.

Thursday, October 11.

Brother Girten and I went fishing. Caught about 50 pounds of trout. Took severe cold. Didn't preach, of course. Left Sunday School library at Brother Johnson's. Paid expenses on them, \$3.00; stayed Friday, October 12. Johnsons.

At home. Busy with little jobs around the house. Somewhat lonely, but get along much better than I expected. Pretty cold; snowed on the range nearly all day.

Saturday, October 13.

Started about 9 A. M. for American Gulch. Arrived a little before sunset. Stopped with Mr. Gilson over night. Journey October 8th. Had to hear from him. No word from home; very anxious to hear from my family.

Sunday, October 14.

Preached at Georgia Gulch at 11 A. M. and at Galena Gulch at night. The Lord blessed me very much in trying to preach to-day. Wrote to Brother Query. Fine weather. Commenced a letter to my wife to send by Brother Query's company. Had my likeness taken in Hamilton; first I ever had.

Monday, October 15.

Returned to Hamilton. Mr. Carlisle stayed with me over night. He is an old acquaintance from Iowa.

Tuesday, October 16. Visited in Tarryall Diggings. Clear and pleasant.

Received two letters from my wife to-day at the express office; the first for two months; also one from Brother Guylee, in which he sends me a certificate of location.

Started for Blue River on foot. Stopped at Tarryall Diggings and left Sunday School Friday, October 19. Foster's. They are to pay \$3.00 express on them.

Went in company with Brother Sloan into the first mountains Northwest of Hamilton to take a hunt. Saw nothing.

Stayed last night at Tarryall. Morning went to Gold Run; preached at Mr. Wallingford's from Hebrews 11; 24 to 26; at night returned home about 2 P. M. fatigued with walking up and down the mountains. Got no game.

Sunday, October 21.

Returned home across the range. Weather clear and pleasant. Preached at Hamilton at 11 A. M. Small turnout. Tarryall Diggings at 3 P. M. and again at the town of Tarryall in the evening.

Monday, October 22.

Started for Colorado City. Quite a storm in the evening. Had an election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Councilman and Representatives for provisional government to-day. Voted for Dr.

Bailey for the House, the only man voted for by me.

Pretty cold day. ~~So~~ Thursday, October 25. ~~the middle Platte.~~

Wrote a letter to my wife and one each to Brother Palmer, Brother Crawford and Brother Query.

Pleasant day; considerable snow; camped where we first strike the Fountain. Friday, October 26.

Quite stormy with considerable snow. Brother Gilson stayed over night with me.

Arrived at the foot of the mountains at 1 P. M.; very fine weather.

Saturday, October 27.

Sunday, November 11.

Still stormy and quite cold. Brother Gilson still with me. Moderated towards evening. 11 A. M. and again at night.

Sunday, October 28.

Went to Fairplay; no congregation. Didn't preach, of course. Left Sunday School library at Brother Johnson's. Paid expenses on them, \$3.00; stayed over night with the Johnsons.

Friday, November 16.

Monday, October 29.

Commenced claim cabin on Cheyenne Creek. Pretty stormy in the afternoon. Returned home. Pretty cold; snowed on the range nearly all day.

Tuesday, October 30.

Sunday, November 18.

Received a letter from Irving written at Fort Kearney October 5th. Glad to hear from him. No word from home; very anxious to hear from my family. apparently.

Thursday, November 1.

Wrote to Brother Query. Fine weather. Commenced a letter to my wife to send by Brother Riddell and company. Had my likeness taken in Hamilton; first I ever had.

Went again with Brother Friday, November 2. some others to hunt. Fine day. Snow from 8 to 12 inches deep.

Clear and pleasant for the time of year. Visited in Tarryall Diggings. Thursday, November 22.

Blow up quite a storm. Saturday, November 3. do City again. Ben Coplen killed four deer. None of the rest of us killed anything.

Started for Blue River on foot. Stopped at Tarryall Diggings and left Sunday School library at Brother Foster's. They are to pay \$3.00 expressage on them.

Snow going off rapidly and a good deal of ground bare already. Grass looks quite dry. Sunday, November 4th.

Stayed last night at Dr. Arair's. This morning went to Gold Run; preached at Mr. Wallingford's from Hebrews 11; 24 to 26; at night at Georgia Gulch; lodged with Brother Miller. ~~seesayer~~ where to build some claim cabins. Saw hundreds of antelope. It was ahead of anything I had ever seen. Monday, November 5th.

Returned home across the range. Weather clear and pleasant. Some snow on the North sides of the mountains.

Brother Johnson preached in the forenoon. I preached at night to housefull of attentive. Wednesday, November 7.

Started for Colorado City. Quite a storm in the evening. Had a cold night; camped near the middle Platte.



Thursday, November 8.  
Pretty cold day. Some snow. Camped on the middle Platte.

Started for Hamilton. John Gixten with pony came with me. We stayed at the saw mill.  
Friday, November 9.

Pleasant day; considerable snow; camped where we first strike the Fountain.

Found considerable snow. Quite fatiguing traveling. Saw a large herd of elk. Passed the South branch of the Platte.  
Saturday, November 10.

Arrived at the foot of the mountains at 1 P. M.; very fine weather.

Wednesday, November 23.  
Sunday, November 11.

John Gixten turned back towards Colorado City and I pursued my way towards Hamilton. I was very glad when about half way to find Dr. Adair, and I camped with him for the night.  
Monday, November 12.

Went with Brothers Smith and Iverson who took up claims for themselves on Cheyenne Creek. Preached at night from Acts 3,- 19.

Started for Hamilton about 9 o'clock. Arrived at Tarryall about 7. Found quite a number of Brother Gixten's for Thanksgiving supper.  
Friday, November 16.

Commenced claim cabin on Cheyenne Creek. Pretty stormy in the forenoon. Finished cabin on claim and built one on Irving's claim.

At home again. Got a letter from my wife. Very glad to hear from home.  
Sunday, November 18.

Preached at Colorado City at 11 A. M. and at night. Good turnout; quite an interest apparently.

Went to Georgia Gulch. Fatiguing walk. Put up for the night at Brother Coplen's. Weather pleasant but considerable snow on the range.  
Monday, November 19.

Out hunting; killed nothing. Quite a snow. Got in about 8 P. M.

Sunday, December 2.  
Tuesday, November 20.

Preached at Brother William's Georgia Gulch; small congregation. Fine day. Snow from 8 to 12 inches deep.  
Monday, December 3.

Thursday, November 22.

Returned home across the range. The first part pleasant and the latter part unpleasant. Ben Coplen killed four deer. None of the rest of us killed anything.

Tuesday, December 4.  
November 23.

The snow fell last night and today about 18 inches in depth. Snow going off rapidly and a good deal of ground bare already. Grass looks quite dry but stock thrives finely on it.

Wednesday, November 24.  
Saturday, November 24.

Received two letters from home. All well. Went over to Monument Creek to show Brother Housekeeper where to build some claim cabins. Saw hundreds of antelope. It was ahead of anything I had ever seen.

Friday, December 5.  
Sunday, November 25.

Brother Johnson preached in the forenoon. I preached at night to housefull of attentive people.

Made some visits at Monday, November 26. Diggings; had a pleasant time.

Started for Hamilton. John Girten with pony came with me. We stayed at the saw mill the first night.

Tuesday, November 27. 11 A. M. and at Tarryall Diggings at night. Had a good turnout and people seemed to be interested. Found considerable snow. Quite fatiguing traveling. Saw a large herd of elk. Passed near an Indian camp. We camped on the South branch of the Platte. December 10.

Wednesday, November 28. At home most of the day. Light and Mr. Heath.

John Girten turned back towards Colorado City and I pursued my journey toward Hamilton some 40 miles distant, on foot. I was very glad when about half way, to find Dr. Adair, and I camped with him for the night.

Thursday, November 29.

Started for Hamilton about 9 o'clock. Arrived at Tarryall about 7. Found quite a number of persons at Brother Girten's for Thanksgiving supper. He evening with me in my cabin.

Friday, November 30.

At home again. Got a letter from my wife. Very glad to hear from home. to pass off all right with the new.

Saturday, December 1.

Went to Georgia Gulch. Had quite a fatiguing walk. Put up for the night at Brother Hillis'. The weather pleasant but considerable snow on the range. in this!

Sunday, December 2.

Preached at Brother Hillis', Georgia Gulch; small congregation. Night at the same place. Small congregation.

Monday, December 3.

Returned home across the range. The first part pleasant and the last part stormy.

Tuesday, December 4.

The snow fell last night and to-day, - about 18 inches in depth. Drifted very much.

didst periodicals. No success. The people that are remaining here have made scarcely anything this season.

Wednesday, December 5.

Received two letters from my son and wife. All well. What a satisfaction! Also received the Western Christian Advocate, a welcome visitor. and 1 boy; had a pleasant time. Broke up about 9 o'clock. Donations \$34. and some provisions.

Friday, December 7.

Made some pastoral visits in Tarryall Diggings. Had a pleasant time. Met Andrew Powell in Tarryall, with whom I got acquainted in Iowa, some years ago. storm in the evening.

Made some visits at Rocky Point, Tarryall Diggings; had a pleasant time. This morning spent most of the time visiting in Hamilton. Fine winter weather.

Sunday, December 9.

Saturday, December 22.

Preached at Brother Sloan's, Hamilton, at 11 A. M. and at Tarryall Diggings at night. Had a good turnout and people seemed to be interested. Oh, that I might esteem it more and more.

Monday, December 10.

Sunday, December 23.

At home most of the day; called on Mr. Wright and Mr. Heath. Preached at Tarryall town at 11 A. M. and at night at Tarryall Diggings to quite a Tuesday, December 11. Five hearers.

At home in the forenoon and in the afternoon called on Judge Holman.

Called at Mr. Wight's in the forenoon. Weather cold but pleasant for the time of Wednesday, December 12.

At home most of the day. Mail came in; no letters for me. Western Christian Advocate came, and what a treat! Brother Sloan and Brother Jones spent the evening with me in my cabin. Had an oyster supper; a pleasant, sociable time. Got a letter from Brother Query. Qui Friday, December 14. Folks well.

At home all day; a little stormy; doing odd jobs. These domestic duties seem to pass off all right with me now.

Most of the day at home. Went to Mr. Cutler's at Tarryall in the evening. Several Saturday, December 15. Pleasant, sociable time.

Had some good singing. How much better to spend the evening in I am engaged in reading DeAubignes' History of the Reformation, - a very interesting work. How wonderfully is the power and providence of God manifested in this! Sunday, December 16.

At home most of the Sunday, December 16. At the weather not cold. Very pleasant most of the time. How different from what I expected. Walked to Fairplay this morning. Pleasant weather. Preached at night from John 5; 39th. Small congregation.

Friday, December 25.

Monday, December 17.

Visited in Tarryall Diggings. Had supper with Brothers Foster and Started for Hamilton about 10 A. M. Stopped at Mr. Waters' until after dinner. Leader at Tarryall Diggings.

Tuesday, December 18.

Home most of the day. Went out in the afternoon to solicit subscriptions for Methodist periodicals. No success. The people that are remaining here have made scarcely anything this season. That were present. Preached at night.

Wednesday, December 19.

At home fixing for donation party to-night. Met about 6 P. M. 11 men, 7 ladies and 1 boy; had a pleasant time. Broke up about 9 o'clock. Donations \$34. and some provisions. Trust that at least the members present were profited. Pleasant weather. So time passes; another Thursday, December 20.

Dr. Vance spent the afternoon with me. Weather pleasant in the forenoon but quite a snow storm in the evening.

Friday, December 21.

Pleasant this morning; spent most of the time visiting in Hamilton. Fine winter weather.

Saturday, December 22.

At home; spent most of the day in reading and studying the Bible. It is the Book of books indeed! Oh, that I might esteem it more and more.

Sunday, December 23.

Preached at Tarryall town at 11 A. M. and at night at Tarryall Diggings to quite a congregation of attentive hearers.

Monday, December 24.

Called at Mr. Wight's in the forenoon. Weather cold but pleasant for the time of year.

Tuesday, December 25.

Spent most of the day and evening at Brother Girten's. Had an oyster supper; a pleasant, sociable time. Got a letter from Brother Query. Quite encouraging. My folks well.

Wednesday, December 26.

Most of the day at home. Went to Mr. Cutler's at Tarryall in the evening. Several present; had a pleasant, sociable time. Had some good singing. How much better to spend the evening in this way than as many do, in shuffling cards.

Thursday, December 27.

At home most of the day. Snowed some, but the weather not cold. Very pleasant most of the time. How different from what I expected from the coolness of the Summer!

Friday, December 28.

Visited in Tarryall Diggings. Had supper with Brothers Foster and Arbuckle. Seem to be splendid young men. Appointed Brother Foster class leader at Tarryall Diggings.

Saturday, December 29th.

Time for the 4th quarterly meeting but no one out at 11 A. M. except Brother Birten. Quarterly conference met at 3 P. M. The Elder did not arrive. Brothers Girten, Sloan and myself were all that were present. Preached at night.

Sunday, December 30.

Preached at 11 A. M. from the First Psalm. Small congregation; preached at night. Enjoyed the meeting very much. Trust that at least the members present were profited. Pleasant weather. So time passes; another year has gone.

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By this time, Mr. Howbert had decided to bring his family to the Rocky Mountains, and make that region his home for a time, at least. Later in the Winter, he returned to Iowa for that purpose. He made the return trip by coach from Denver to the Missouri River, about six hundred miles in about six days, traveling continuously day and night, which made it a most tiresome trip.

Early in the Spring, he, with his family started across the plains again, traveling by ox team, as he had done the year before. The trip as far as Denver was pretty much as described in his diary of the previous year, and was without particular incident. Many Indians were seen on the way, but they were peaceable and gave no trouble. The only unusual occurrence was between Denver and Hamilton, where a band of mounted Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians, returning from a battle with the Utes in the South Park, was met. They had surprised and killed a number of Utes, and captured several squaws. The Cheyennes and Arapahoes were very much elated over their victory and the captives taken. The captive squaws were riding astride, behind warriors. They looked cheerful enough and didn't seem at all downcast over their capture.

Mr. Howbert and family located for the Summer in the Town of Hamilton, which was situated at the lower end of Tarryall Gulch, a famous placer mining camp in those days. At that time Hamilton was the principal town of the South Park region. At one time during the previous year, it had contained a population of over 5,000 people; but by this time placer mining in this locality was on the wane and the number of people had materially decreased.

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skin Joe, Fairplay and Hamilton, with occasional visits to Colorado City and Canon City, all of which locations were in his circuit. During the year 1860-1, there were a good many Southern people in Colorado and a very bitter feeling existed between the

advocates of the Union and those of the Southern Confederacy, and In October, he removed with his family to Colorado City Mr. Howbert, being very pronounced in his opinions, narrowly and soon after he determined to give up the active ministry, or, escaped getting into trouble on account of his strong advocacy of as the Methodists term it, to "locate". During the Winter he Union principles. Although far away from the scene of conflict, had a house constructed on his ranch on Cheyenne Creek, and early he followed the accounts of the progress of the war with the in the Spring of 1862 he moved his family there and for the next greatest interest. When the news finally reached Colorado City two or three years, engaged in farming and cattle raising on this of the surrender at Appomattox and the end of the Rebellion, he, ranch and one acquired later in the valley of Camp Creek, North of with others in Colorado City, gathered a large amount of material Colorado City. By good management he prospered and became financially well to do. on top of the hill back of the town and celebrated the event with a great bonfire.

On the convening of the Territorial Legislature in Colorado City in the Summer, he was elected Chaplain of the House Marshall Howbert was of Scotch-Irish descent, her father Robert of Representatives, and held the position throughout the session Marshall being of Irish ancestry, and her mother, Margaret following the Legislature in its removal first to Denver. Gandless, pure Scotch. She was a woman of unusual ability, a wise

In the Fall of 1864, on account of the exposure incurred helpmeet to her husband in all his church and pastoral work, and in looking after his cattle, he was taken ill and during the remainder of his life, was more or less of an invalid. a devoted mother, whose memory is revered by all her children.

Reverend William Howbert died in 1871, leaving six children, Irving, Irene, Alice, Edgar, Frank W. and Charles W. In 1865, thinking it possible a change of climate would be of benefit, he returned to Iowa where he had property interests, all of whom are living at the time of this writing, 1907, but not getting any benefit from the change, in the Spring of 1866, he returned to Colorado City and later located on the ranch on Bear Creek, where the Portland Mill is now located. He lived on this ranch and in Colorado City until his death in 1871.

Mr. Howbert was a man of very decided convictions; he was very ardent in his opposition to slavery. He had seen the evils of the institution in Virginia during his early manhood. Soon after reaching Ohio, he actively identified himself with the anti-slavery, or Abolitionist party, as it was called. He often told of meetings that he attended in those early days, in which they were rotten-egged and virtually mobbed by the rabble attending

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Mr. Howbert's wife died in the winter of 1863. Martha Marshall Howbert was of Scotch-Irish descent, her father Robert Marshall being of Irish ancestry, and her mother, Margaret McCandless, pure Scotch. She was a woman of unusual ability, a wise helpmeet to her husband in all his church and pastoral work, and a devoted mother, whose memory is revered by all her children.

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