

28th May 1877

My Dear Wife I embrace the opportunity of answering 3rd three letters that were gladly received - Sat's April the 29th - May the 6th & May the 14th 3 - I have been absent from this place for (10) days and on my return was very glad to find your kind letters. I am well hope this will find you all well. I will endeavor to answer all the questions that you have asked - in turn you will do the same and so on.

First the Brethren of Ala-Ga and the Southern States will all go to New Mexico or Arizona will not start until fall. There is three Branches here and we have been laboring and traveling so we do not stop with any one individual the 3 Branches here are strung out for about (15) miles. 3rd We have plenty to eat when we stop where the people have it we get a little beside corn bread bacon & coffee -

4th Bros Brewerton & Wightman returned to Ala. I received a letter Saturday the 26th from them stating that they would start the next day for Kentucky. That was talked of before they started back. consequently Bro Morgan & I remained here to travel to gather.

5th I do not know yet about Jane coming out this fall I think she would go if she could make ready.

6th Wading the creeks did not give me the rheumatism. I have not had anything of the sort since leaving home. I had to break the ice to do our first - Baptising & was in the water several times while it

was cold there is a promise when we are doing ^{right}
7th I do not know how much I
may there is not any scales here that I can
weigh on at present.

8th I have just received my clothing
I sent for them and Jane had them expressed
to me I went without them all winter
I shall have to have some cotton garments
soon as I have worn the ones I started with
ever since I left home.

9th The weather is very pleasant here getting
very warm here, we have had new potatoes and
peas this spring.

10th I am not so poor, I had just been to
the Barber shop and had my hair shingled and
whiskers cut of the side of my face, and it
was the shade that was cast that makes them
look black. them that are left are some darker
than they was.

11th I cannot say much about coming home
but rather expect that Bro Morgan and
I will stay and help the saints out of
here this fall probably take them through
to Mexico we expect to have quite a com-
pany if we can get them all started at
once I guess that when the proper time comes
I will start for Utah - I cannot reach
that far with out something, and when
the time comes that something will come
I expect you think the time long, but
try and remember that the Gospel must
be preached to all the world for a witness
and then the end shall come Matthew 24th chap

if I had the money in my pocket I
I might start home some time this summer
I cannot say, but I know that I am
doing good yet and if I have my release
as it is I can go or stay as I think best
I have a right to be dictated by the Spiritth
and the spirit of the Lord is what we should
try to be guided by, and if we will listen
to its whisperings the Lord will fetch all
things out right. I was very glad to hear
that you had been blessed so much since
I came a way, that you have plenty to eat
and wear plenty cows to milk &c —
and I say do right and ~~the~~ God will
bless you and you shall have plenty.

12th question I have not had any
wild hairs taken out of my eyes but one
Sam Dean pulled out about ^{last summer} six or 10

I was very sorry to hear of Lorenzo's

I remember hearing you express yourself about
the fear you had, of his eyes being bad at some time
— let me say, that, I hope, that you will
change your notion let us have faith
that the Lord will bless him and preserve
him; I hope to see the promises all fulfilled
that has been put upon him by the Spirit of
Prophecy: do not doubt, but let us pray
for him God is able to preserve him if we
will ask. Do not crowd him be kind to
him if he cannot lead in prayer now he can
when he has come to more mature years, some
seem to develop sooner than others, if you
think his sight is giving way, put your hands

on him and bless him do not make him
read nights. I was so glad to hear that
James was taking hold and learning to
hold prayer, keep an and the Lord Bless you
James cannot you carry some good Book with you
hearing and read make a little sack to carry it
in. We are expecting to leave this part
of the country in a few days to see if we can
find any more of israels. I shal visit the Grove
oak branch on the way. I will keep you posted
if our wheralouts if you answers this direct to
B Rome Ga. Well now it is my time to
ask a question. who was that young Lady
that was enquiring after me that I had
not sen. is she a native born or of foreign
birth, is she good looking, can she read and write
I have been where the folks get the Deseret
News since I came here but now we are going
a way we shal miss it. Let Bro Warnock
that I am not much onesided I will send
one along one of these times. for him.

Praying that God will bless you
all and provide for you I will close for
this time. your affectionate Husband
and Father Jas J Lisonbee
To Ellen A Lisonbee & Family