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LIFE SKETCH OF MARY ALICE ROBINSON CLARK

I felt very humble and prayerful in holding these positions as well as needing inspiration in my work to make it a success, I also depended upon our Heavenly Father for physical strength, to walk to the Meetings and get around to do the things that were required of me. Before leaving home to attend to my duties, I would go to a private room, kneel down, and offer up a prayer, for strength and assistance, that was so much needed to carry on my work. I had faith our Heavenlt Father would help me me if I would do my part.

Sister Aurelia S. Rogers, the originator of the Primary, lived just one block from our home. I admired her very much and can remember things she taught, when I was a child, going to Primary. She was an inspiration to me in the Primary work. It was in the Farmington Ward, that the first primary was organized.

I went to the Temple, many times, to be baptized and administered to for my health, I always went fasting, At that time people were baptized in the Temple for their health.

Both of my grandfathers were Patriarchs and men of faith. I was told in my a Patriarchal blessing that my gift was faith, I tried to exercise that gift, By fasting and prayer and being administered to by the servants of the Lord. I was greatly blessed and was tronger in walking.

At one time, I decided to fast three days and three nights fefore going to the Temple and try to exercise more faith. What a joy I felt in the Temple that day. I felt almost like I could be healed, if it was the Lords will. I had been promised in a Patriarchal blessing (by my Uncle Joseph E, Robinson) that I would be healed in the due time of the Lord.

Bro. Adolph Madsen, a counslor to the president of the Temple, administered to me that day. There was a thrill from the crown of my head to my feet, while he was doing it. As soon as he took his hands from my head, he said, Sister have you had your endowments? I told him that I had not I felt it was such a sacfed thing for a young girl to have done before marriage, I did not want to take that responsibility, without being advised by some one in authority. He said, I have had that inspiration, today, while administering to you, to tell you to have your endowments. Will you come to the Temple next week and have them? I told him I would. I can hardly expoain the joy that filled my soul, My heart was filled with gratitude for this special blessing. I went to the Temple the next week (my mother went with me). Brother Madsen met me there and said, he was glad I came. I had my endowments 16, Nov. 1898. I also went thru the Temple three days in the next week. I enjoyed it so much. At that time only one name a day was worked for in the Temple. After receiving this sacred ordinance, I felt, more so than ever, the need of keeping the commandments of the Lord. I felt a protection where over I wont.

I had some very dear friends in Farmington. I associated, a great deal, with Phoebe Mc Laughlin and

Clara Kennard, also my cousin, Maud Robinson.

A crowd of us use to meet together, in our different homes, for amusement, they seemed to like to come to our home. We always enjoyed having them there. I took some organ lessons so was able to play for our singing. We use to do lots of singing. IN the winter we had some good times sleigh riding. So I had amusement in different ways, even, if I was not able to dance. It was quite a sacrifice to me, to not be able to go to the dances, with my brother and two sisters. Sometimes, after they had gone, I would have a good cry, never would let them see me doing it. As I did not want them to feel bad, or to mar their happiness.

They were always so sweet and kind me. I cannot remember of complaining about my condition, although I felt sorrowful, at times. I turned to spiritual things for comfort. I read my Patriarchal blessings after