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another, often over 20 miles a day. Mission life was difficult and vying for a place to sleep and something to eat was a daily concern. It would have an impact on him physically throughout his mission.

In Dorsetshire he presided over a conference of approximately 100 members who had little means. Most of the affluent saints or families had already emigrated leaving only the young and old in England. The conference was spread out over a vast area as well, and so he was continually on the move.

His mission journals seem to indicate that his main location or residence was in Bridport, but that was seldom his stopping point. Preaching seemed to be mostly centered on meetings held in the homes of members of halls or locations where permission could be secured.

Journal entries during his Dorsetshire service are short and lack a lot of detail. On Aug. 11, 1866, he notes that he had been in England for a year, and on Sept. 22 he noted that he baptized a Lucy Cormch and Lane Cormick "this being my first attempt." 14

His entries normally focused on where he traveled, how far he traveled, whom he visited, and where he spent the night. Occasionally he would note an unusual event or describe his surroundings. Only when he went to London for conferences or met with some of the brethren did he give more detail.

On Christmas Day in 1866 he notes that he wrote to Elder Orson Pratt outlining how many Millennial Stars the saints in his conference would buy for the coming year and noting "spent a happy Christmas which was a rainy day."

Visiting London

His love of the theater and his desire to learn and explore come through in his mission entries. When in London for a few days of conference or meetings, he and other missionaries would often go to the theater, museums, or other landmarks. He would note the details of those things and places and must have shared them in letters to

14 Mission Journals of Ezra James Clark, page 9

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