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Dear Bro. Your letter of May 16 was duly received, but I was so weak and oppressed all the spring and summer that I have not written at all to any one. My house-keeping problem was a severe one; and only now seem to have reached a fully satisfactory solution. Mrs Clark - in ~~what~~ one of whose houses I am living has been taking care of the children since ~~of~~ about July 1st, and is just getting along fine with them. Have them all with me now and it is wonderfully refreshing to come from work and sit down and eat again a meal cooked by a good woman's hands.

Little Lewis is doing very nicely; but do not think he is entirely free from all the effects of the fever.

Have been working around at several things, as fast as I could get loose from home affairs. Am working now in a target factory just in the north edge of Z. C. making targets for the army. I naturally do not like this kind of work at all, but you cannot do anything now - not even raise wheat or onions that you are not contributing directly to the war effort.

This target work pays well - is mostly piece work - and has sometimes made me over \$8⁰⁰ per day. A good deal of it is blacksmithing bending 1 1/2" angle iron; and most of the rest is ~~reverse~~ riveting - using a heavy air machine that

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sets the rivet at a single shot. Have set at the rate of 360 per hour and I could have set 400 if I could have gotten hot ones fast enough.

My employer told me the other day he had never had any ones around that could begin to do so much. Now I cannot write much as I have to go down town tonight and it is just supper time ~~at~~ now.

I work Sundays and have Saturdays off.

I want to take up my Cuban business matters now and get them straightened up as far as possible.

Will you please let me know how matters stand with Rose, Segunda, Garcia etc, also what became of the house that I turned over to Melvin.

Would also like to know about the cemetery, if the graves are overgrown. I want to get them suitably marked as soon as possible, and if overgrown will send money to have them cleaned up; if no ~~now~~ is forth coming from any of my affairs there.

Affairs in the Church are to my mind not in a bad condition - in fact perhaps better than ever before since 1905. Mr. Lewis is holding his own in regards his age and strength wonderfully well; and that he has greatly grown in grace and knowledge of the Lord there can be no doubt.

Congregations are not large - somewhere around 50-100 but they are quiet and in good order, and growing.

Give my regards to Lulu, and let me hear how everything is going; and if there is likely to be more revolution this ~~at~~ winter.

Love Clarence