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Dear Folks at Home:

Well here I am in Paris;

after a long ride from La Chaux-de-Fonds, Suisse. I dropped you a card the other day saying that I would follow it up with a detailed letter; so here goes.

We certainly had some great time at Conference, both as concerned meetings and little side trips. Saturday morning we left La Chaux-de-Fonds for Lausanne, being joined at Neuchatel by Brothers Mitchell and Johnson; and with them arriving at Lausanne a little before noon. We immediately secured rooms at "Hotel au Major Davel", and passed the afternoon preparing for the Conference the next day. That evening, however, we had a baptism on Lake Léman after a short "Réunion" at the "Local".

Sunday we had three very successful meetings: Sunday School at 10:00 A. M., Afternoon Meeting at 3.00 P. M., and Evening Meeting at 8.00 P. M. In all there were about twenty Elders and one hundred twenty-five Saints and friends in attendance.

Monday Morning at 8:00 we had our Priesthood Meeting with the customary testimonies, etc.; followed by the assignment of Elders. I have already informed you of my assignment, and I expect to take charge here at the end of this quarter. We have created a new Conference: called the Paris Conference, including Paris, Lyon, Lille (Branches now organized in France) and two new ones about to be or-

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ganized at Troyes and Amiens, both in France. Elder John W. Summerhays has been chosen as president of the new Conference.

Monday after our Priesthood Meeting and a hurried lunch, we chartered a motor boat and left the quai at Ouchy (Lausanne) for Vevey, Montreaux, the "Chateau de Chillon" (the setting of Lord Byron's famous poem "The Prisoner of Chillon") and other points of interest on the Lake. There were twenty-one of us in all, including President and Sister Valentine of the German Mission. We reached Lausanne again at eight-thirty and enjoyed a nice little supper at the Hotel Beau Séjour near the Lake.

Tuesday we were all on our way back to work in the different branches to which we had been assigned. I had to return to La Chaux-de-Fonds to back up my trunk and close up my accounts. As I wrote in my postal card of the other day, my expenses were much heavier than my father anticipated. For example here are a few of them: R.R. Fare

La Chaux-de-Fonds to Lausanne and return.....fr	7.60
Hotel and expenses at Lausanne	25.00
Doctor Bills and attention to date.....	20.00
R.R. Fare to Paris, including trunk.....	51.00
Total	103.60

ALL THESE IN EXCESS OF MY REGULAR ROOM, PENSION, AND OTHER EXPENSES.

Now as to my impressions as to being in the great city of Paris. I would certainly have enjoyed my labors as President of the Neuchatel Branch, had I been permitted to rest there; but as everyone knows there are certainly excellent opportunities in this city from

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all standpoints. Of course for a while I will miss the advantages of Sunday School, Night Meeting, and Bible Class; but at present I

look forward to all these again in the course of eight or nine months.

As to my health; I really do not know what to say; nor do the doctors who have examined me. For eleven nights in succession I have had to get out of bed between the hours of two and five to smoke Anti-Asthmatic Cigarettes, and to inhale the fumes of the powder which I bought in Geneve. At times, as you all understand from father's condition; I am perfectly normal; but the least change of temperature, or the least bit of fatigue start me going. But by this time there is no doubt a letter on the road from father carrying instructions as to what he thinks I will be able to get relief from.

Since I began writing this letter I have received Jean's letter of the thirtieth ultimo addressed to Lyon, France; and have read it with a great deal of interest. As the Democrats might say, it seems that the Governor's Secretary is following close the heels of His Excellency, and he too is getting rich out of his office.

Well I have a lot of work here to get off my hands, so will have to begin to wind up. Father wrote me recently asking me to let him know when I thought that I would need more, and that with the aid of a strenuous collection among the Saints of the Ward, he expected to be able to forward it. I have already noted what I will need to get up

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on the level again. May I add that from the experiences of my predecessors here I can easily consume thirty-five dollars without being extravagant. I realize that you all feel with me that my health should not be neglected, even though for a while I may be forced to expend ten francs or so a week.

Well, frankly, I am ashamed of the construction of this letter; also I must ask your indulgence for the typographical errors, as I am writing on a French key-board; which differs considerably from the English.

With love to all, I will close for this time,

Your affectionate son and brother,