

March 15, 1932

My dear Mrs. Gates:

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I hope you will pardon the delay in replying to your letter of March First. It interested me thoroughly.

Of course I am pleased that you found the article on "Arizona Trails" worth writing a letter about.

The series of talks I gave at the University of Tucson were informal, based largely on my own experience as a biographer. I have the same feeling about pioneer women that you seem to have and I have had it ripened by my talks with the young men and women in my conferences at Tucson. I am glad that you are undertaking to preserve the stories of the women of your own Church - it is a fine thing to do.

The outline which you present your students to guide them in their work is excellent. I do not think I could add to it. With your own experience behind your plan, interpreting it and illuminating it, good results ought to come.

Yes, I have heard of the Life of Brigham Young but I have never read it. I am going to get it and shall read it as soon as I have the leisure.

As to my going out to your Church-University for a series of talks, that I think is out of the question. I have so much work piled up ahead of me that I sometimes doubt if I shall live long enough to keep the contracts I have already signed. You see I am in my Seventy fifth year now, but that you are Seventy six and still enjoying your work gives me hope.

What a fine thing it is to have a task that one enjoys in these latter years.

Thank you very much, dear Mrs. Gates, for your letter. I wish I could go out to you. And as I say, I shall read your life of your father as soon as I can get around to it.

You speak in your letter of having enclosed certain sketches already published. I did not receive them. I should like very much to see anything you may care to send me.

Very sincerely yours

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