

ful as his faith that, with her inspiration, he could achieve any fortune that would make her happy.

She had confessed to me an aversion for—a dread of—the peculiar system of marriage among the Saints. She had confessed it at first half fearfully, for an open avowal of such a feeling would have marked her as one on the road to apostasy, but I felt as she did about it, and because of this similarity of sentiment we held many discussions on the subject. There was tragedy in the lives of many women about us. We glimpsed it often, though the policy of our people was to keep such things discreetly hidden. Under the surface serenity there was a threat that we feared might sometime strike our own lives and make havoc of all our girlish dreams—dreams in which polygamy had no place.

But in 1890, just about a month before Ruth's marriage, there was given out, at the semi-annual conference of the Saints,