

as I trust, by the influence of the Divine Spirit, I moved forward with the elacraty usual to one conscious of being in the path of duty.

We travelled 25 miles between 2 & 8 oclock P. M. And lodged at Bro. Parkers in Kinsman, Ohio. Here we found a gracious work of God in progress, it being the time of a protracted meeting. Some 30 souls had then been at [the] alter, several of whom had found pardon. We left the meeting in progress, tho' much in want of ministerial help. (I did not go to the meeting house myself, on account of my lameness; but Bro. Weigley went tho' we arrived so late, & gave an exhortation, &c.)

The circumstances under which the house in which this meeting was held, was erected, & came into the hands of the Methodists, shows the mysterious ways of Providence. The town of Kinsman, like all others on the Connecticut Western Reserve, is laid off 5 miles square. The roads are usually laid off at right angles, which the levelness of the country admits of to advantage, & the *centre* is the usual site for meeting house, school house &c. There, was, however, a diviation from this, in this town, owing to local circumstances.

Mr. Kinsman, the original proprietor of the town, settled $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south west of the centre, which of course, became the place of business, & centre of social operations. Here the Presbyterians built a large & elegant church, designed for the accomodation of all the members of that church in the town. But a part of them, residing north & east of this point objected to having the house thus one side, & refused to aid in its errection on that site. The friends of this site, however, being more wealthy tho' less numerous than their opponents, succeeded in their design.

Upon this the other party assembled, raised funds & built another house, less spacious than the other, but sufficiently so to accomodate those it was designed for. They found, however, that it was difficult if not impossible to get a preacher of their order to serve them. They were considered schismatics, & therefore not to be countinanced.