

17th. We reached Reynoldsburgh, on the National Road. Here my two youngest brothers live, one of whom I had not seen for 19 years, & the other but once in that length of time. In this neighborhood I have a sister whom I had not seen in 19 years, & an other whom I had not seen in 27 years. It would seem as if nature would lose its endearing tie or forget its kindred feeling in that length of time: but this was not the case. And a visit of a few days amply restored the affections of nature to their wonted strength, from the dilepadation which time may have made.¹

Sept. 20. Sabbath. Preached twice in Columbus, O.² & lifted a collection for Missions of \$26.62.

21st. Left columbus, & in about 5 miles lost my saddle baggs, which, from the roughness of road, were jolted out of the wagon behind; but did not discover the loss till 13 miles after. Bro. Weigley took another horse, leaving ours to rest, & went back for them. A traveller had found them & carried them back to Columbus, where they were obtained. It would have been a serious loss, not to have recovered them. They contained most of my money, and valuable papers, & all my change of clothing I had with me. He returned with them 10 oclock at night.

Sept. 22. Soon after we started, we broke our double tree, in a mud hole. This we mended with a with[e] & a pole which we cut with our hatchet, & drove 300 miles with it, before we could conveniently get a new one. The roads through Ohio & Indiana were extreemly bad.

Passing through Springfield, we lodged at an inn 7 miles a head.

23^d. Passing through Dayton, we reached Alexander.

24th. Went through Eaton, & several little towns, & reached Milton, Indiana, some time after dark. The country & the people began to assume a rougher appearance than they before had done.

¹ Referring to this reunion, in his *Western Pioneer*, vol. ii, p. 28, Mr. Brunson says: "Our meetings were pleasant, of course, but nothing peculiar or different from that of other folks."—ED.

² Columbus was then a city (it had been incorporated in 1834) of about 3,000 inhabitants, and rapidly growing.—ED.