

25<sup>th</sup>. We got on to the National Road, then building, but the late rains & immense travell, made the road intolerable. Some times we were obliged to take the woods to escape the mud, & even there travellers often got stuck fast. The tide of emigration is very great. We pass from 10 to 30 moving wagons a day, with droves of cattle & sheep, mostly going to Illinos. Lodged in Greenfield.

26<sup>th</sup>. Passed through Indianapolis, the capital of Indiana. and reached Belleville, where we spent the Sabbath, each preaching once, & taking up a small collection for Missions.

28<sup>th</sup>. Going through Greencastle, we lodged at a farm house where they took all the feed from our horses, after we went to bed.<sup>1</sup>

29<sup>th</sup>. We reached Clinton, on the Wabash, & lodged with a friend. Here my new horse had become so lame, & stiff with the scratches, that I was obliged to exchange again. I this night took a severe cold, with which I was afflicted for several weeks.

30. Through Paris, Ill. & onto the grand Prairie where it was 15 miles to the first house. This is one of the most delightful views in the world. I had often heard tell of these Prairies. I had seen them, tho' small, in Ohio & Michigan, but the half had never been told me. Except the few wet places which carry off the water, it affords the best natural road I ever saw, and when these "wets" are bridged & the road through them turnpiked they will exceed any road in the world, having no more work done to them.

We reached a cabin, with 3 moving wagons, containing 27 persons. The cabin was not over 18 feet square, with a bed room atached to it, & in & about it 40 persons lodged that night.

Oct. 1. Travilled 15 miles to the first house, where we took breakfast—15 miles to the next, then 23 miles further, making 53 miles. But this was too much for Bro. Weigleys horse, after having travelled so far. He gave out.

<sup>1</sup> *Western Pioneer*, ii, pp. 28-30. The host, Brunson thought, seeing that their guests were preachers, expected no pay; so made only a feint at entertaining their horses.—Ed.