

Oct. 2^d. Reached Springfield,¹ Sangamon co. Illinois, and found the conf. 2 days in session. We were much fatigued, having travelled 630 miles in about 3 weeks.

3^d. Went into conf. presented our transfers & were introduced to the conf. by Bishop Roberts.² Here we met Brethren Mack, Hitchcock, & Whitney who had transferred from Pittsburgh. The sight of old acquaintances & friends, in this distant land, was cheering to our spirits. Some of the members I also had seen at Gen. Conf. in Phila. in 1832; otherwise they were strangers, but I soon found they were brethren, & engaged in the same common cause.

Oct. 4th. Sabbath. Heard several excellent sermons, witnessed the ordinations, & preached at night, & concluded by calling up 8 or 10 mourners to the alter for prayers.

5th. The conference Missionary Society held its anniversary. "Theophilus Armenius" & myself were the speakers. But such is the excentricity of that remarkable genius, that it is impossible to follow him in a speech with any degree of satisfaction. He ranged the world from its creation to its end, & talked, in broken fragments, a little about every thing connected with the spread of the gospel. He had the attention of the people, but it was hard to get that attention after he had done. The meeting, however turned off in good stile. The cause of Missions is begining to be appreciated in every part of the church.

6. I had intended to keep clear of committee business, if possible, at this conf. having had my part in Pittsburgh. But before I was aware, I was on three or 4 committees, as was usual in my old conf. And before conf. rose I had 4 written reports in my hands at once ready to be presented.

7th. crowded yet more with committee business, growing out of a difficulty between two preachers, but succeeding in getting a reconciliation between them, we were discharged from further trouble about it.

¹ At this time Springfield was a town with perhaps 1,500 inhabitants, and the largest settlement in Illinois, except Jacksonville, which claimed 1,600.— Cf. Moses's *Illinois* (Chicago, 1889), p. 431. It was not selected as the capital of the state until 1837.— ED.

² Robert Richford Roberts, born 1778, died 1843.— ED.