

8th. Bishop tho't best to give me charge of *Galena Mission Dist.*¹ in connection with my mission to the Indians. The Dist. lies on the extreem of the white settlements, within which my family must be located, & contains only 5 appointments. This would occupy but 5 weeks out of 13 to attend to their quarterly meetings, & leave 8 to explore the Indian country.

9, & 10. Rested, & wrote letters.

11. *Sabbath.*—Preached to a large & attentive congregation.

Oct. 12. Started for Galena, to which Bro. Weigley was appointed.² But we soon found that his mare could not travel so far as to do us, & at 18 miles we stopped at a friends & he exchanged horses.

13th. Travelled 43 miles through a beautiful Prairie country, & lodged with a half backslidden professor.

14. Reached the Illinois River at Peoria. In reaching the river we decended hills, from the common level of the Prairie, which were about 500 feet above the level of the river. After the disent, we passed over a rich river bottom covered with wood, but the crops on the cleared fields did not look as bountiful, as they did on the Prairie land. The Prairie, therefore, appeared to be richer than the river bottoms.

We ferried the river, at the outlet or mouth of Illinois Lake, where the River is narrower than at any other point from the Rapids to the mouth, being only about 150 yards wide. A company is incorporated to build a bridge here. This town will no doubt be a place of great business,³ but, at present there is the most shaving, the highest prices, & the least accomodations of any place of the size I was ever in. We had travelled 50 miles to get to a blacksmith,

¹“A district,” says Brunson in *Western Pioneer*, ii, p. 31, “extending from Rock Island to St. Anthony's Falls, five hundred miles long, including all the settlements on both sides of the Mississippi River, and about seventy miles wide. Dubuque, however, was the only settlement west of the river.”—ED.

²Later, Weigley became a member of the Galena bar.—ED.

³Now a city of about 50,000 inhabitants.—ED.